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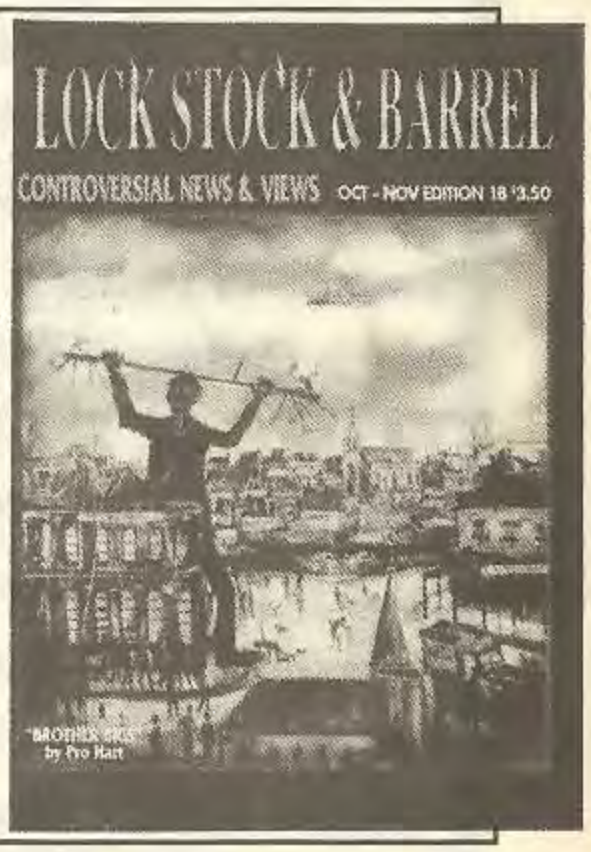

EDITORIAL!

Christmas is coming soon - merry Christmas, peace to all men - not for dogs, though! I have a cousin (all us indigenous types have lots of cousins) called Buster. He is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier just like me and he has been on death row for over two years, bravely facing up to death sentences and life saving appeals and stays of execution. Dealing with the knock-backs with typical Staffordshire bravery. His mistress, Miss Brock of Edgeware, England was convicted under the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act of having an unregistered pit bull. Buster was snatched in true Christmas spirit on Boxing Day of 1991. You know how we all try to raise money for the RSPCA - well guess who it was who branded Buster a "pit bull"? - Yes, you guessed it, one of those human do-gooders - the RSPCA Inspector. There is no justice! Buster hasn't bitten anyone, he hasn't stolen and scoffed the fillet steak off a judge's dinner table, he hasn't even growled at Nanny! His only crime is to have been born a Staffordshire Bull Terrier like me. What sort of Christmas will he have this year, if he makes it that long? But he has had Christmas '92 and Christmas '93 locked up away from home - no Christmas turkey carcass to chew up in the garden, no bits of ham.

Would you register your dog as a dangerous dog? If you did, next time they changed the law and wanted all dangerous dogs put down, what excuse would *you* have? "He must be dangerous or you wouldn't have registered him as that", they would say. You might try to keep him in hiding and tell the police and neighbours that he is dead already; "Yes, just choked on his bone and we buried him in the garden. Oh, does that break another Council regulation? Oh good grief", so up he comes! "He just wandered off and must have been squashed on the motorway". All the ex-firearm owners know all about these types of excuses as they scrape the garden soil from under their finger nails and put the glue and irrigation pipe away. Us dogs though - we can't live underground, not without a bit of air!

HEAVENLY HOME FOR ALL

There is a consoling thought though, Buster's plight has been supported by the Church and the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. John Habgood and the Archdeacon of York the Ven. George Austin, who disagree a bit about carrots going to heaven, but are unanimous that Buster will get there. The Archdeacon said, "I should be very disappointed if I got to heaven and found that my dog wasn't there". Big "if"! What I want to know is how he is so sure that they are going to let humans in at all, with all their crimes to dog-manity to face.

Talking of heaven and hell and Christmas reminds me of a conference I heard about. Conferences sound so harmless, don't they? Not at all like a trip to the rifle range or going on a hunting trip, but this conference of American Bio-ethicists assembled in California to develop the idea of "pre-personhood" and "post-personhood". Now remember those two words, you humans, and shiver every time you hear them, even though they may sound harmless. The people who specialise in mass mind control - the doctors, the graduates, the bio-ethicists - want to apply these terms to human beings whom they think they should be able to kill, because the pre-person or past-person is too old or too sick or too young or too retarded or too crippled to understand that their life is no longer worth living because in many ways they are not profitable to society any more in past or present or in future terms - and they have surgically salvageable parts and tissues which could be used in other more viable humans. Welcome to hell!!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the friends and subscribers of Lock Stock & Barrel and all who sailed in her, from the only black member of the Macca Tribe

NEW MEANING TO EVERYDAY WORDS

Bio-ethics is one of those modern magic smithies to which the Angels of Hell go to, to disguise themselves in the armour of Goodness and Light. They go in one door bearing names like *greed, envy, ambition, sloth* and *lust* and come out shining like *reproductive health, gender equality, choice, the right to dignity* and *medical progress*, and of course the two latest ones; *pre-personhood* and *post-personhood.*

Another one of their terms is *ethnic-cleansing* and *multi-culturalism,* and looking at the butcher's bill in Rwanda and the old Yugoslavia, it's working well and millions are dying. But when these latest words get going and find common acceptance, the butcher's bill will be billions - so big it will make all the wars look like small fry. The problems with words like these is that they have to be replaced and you need bio-

ethicists to think up new ones like *the final solution* and other community acceptable words because after you have left great piles of bones about, some of them get a bit suspicious that *they* might be next, but as long as they keep changing them it will be all right, mate!

It's funny isn't it, that when they have a doctor in a white coat talking about euthanasia or abortion it's okay. Wait until the ads come on, go and get another beer from the fridge! But take the man of science away and show them the reality of men in uniforms with grimy faces, smoking cigarettes, looking at their hot machine guns over pits of twitching bodies - give them that on the 6 o'clock news and tell them that they are past their 'use-by date', a post-person, and that they have to report at dawn the next morning to the pits. That might wake some of them up, but some will still believe that they will be different, someone will come and save them and they will be resettled.

What enables these doctrines of hell to flourish in the modern new world is the way we have been trained to look only inward. The only real thing to this advanced modern personality is the self. Other beings are only real if they have emotional impact on our own self. If something makes us feel guilty or frightened, something which is too big to go away, we do not confront it and fight it and deal with it permanently - we seek only to escape from the bad feeling it creates inside ourselves, so we look for a box to put it into. The moment someone gives it a comfortable sounding name, something in common use, most of us are immediately content to ignore it. So a person who is suffering from an incurable disease, who is difficult for you to talk to, turns into a post-person!

The inspiration for this particular type of savagery is that those who do not appear to have normal feelings (normal, you know, the ones who watch *Neighbours* and *The Flintstones*) or who seem to have no feelings at all, may still in a narrow-minded emotional/technical sense be living humans. They might have lost everything that modern doctors with modern attitudes would think makes life worth living; capabilities of various sorts and freedom from serious physical and emotional suffering. If they don't have these things then they are not in any sense useful persons - they are merely human material of a defective nature and as such are post-persons.

LICENCE TO KILL?

The people who need to push these views know full well that they horrify most of us. They also know that horror is an unpleasant feeling and that people soon put it in a box and ignore it, as to dwell on it for too long is unpleasant. They would much rather take a moral sedative on the television and learn a new name like post-person. Well, that sounds better than euthanasia! Notice these humans when their pet dog is sick - they don't say, "Take it to the vet and get him to kill it", do they? Or, "Take Lassie down to the vet for her cyanide injection". They say, "Poor Lassie, I will have to take her to the vet to be put to sleep". Well, here's news for you humans - it's your turn now! It will be 'you' that won't be worth repairing. "We can't afford to have old Charlie in hospital, his insurance stops paying out next week so we will have to put him to sleep. It will be for the best in the long run" and "There's a special

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on funerals this week - we wouldn't want to miss out now, would we?".

They were initially uncomfortable about killing babies, but words like 'reproductive health' makes it easier to put a handle on it - it sure sounds better than murder! They are bored with abortion now, it's been done to death, literally. It's a tired word - "Oh, not those activists again", whichever side they are on.

The concept of post-persons is already fully established. The decriminalisation of suicide has been implemented and nobody has opposed it. The next thing to be introduced will be assisted suicide, which already a large part of the population agrees with. The idea of "mercifully" putting a post-person to sleep will not be such a radical proposition; they are already doing it in Holland, and they are civilised, are they not? Body parts will always be needed, and that's a good cause. It must be, we have Indians and ex-Yugoslavians selling their own spare parts and we have the Chinese government selling off the parts of the 3,000 prisoners or dissidents that it executes every year. They have even refined it so that they sell off the bits and keep them alive as long as possible - when a job lot is needed they execute them and put the rest in the deep freeze - and of course send the bill for the bullet to the relatives in the mail in the usual way!

Unregistered and unafraid, Buster is unlikely to see his next birthday

This ***is*** going on! It is ***not*** an expose! It's even in the mainstream media! It gets put into the brain which is stunned by everything else and nice words are used so things are cool and normal. Where is the public outrage? How many hundred thousand - two, four, five, East Timorese have been ethnically cleansed by the Indonesian Army? No one can say, but to complain is not politically correct. Nor is the reduction of the Tibetan population, but nobody wants to fall out with China now, do they? Everything gets put into a box and if the powers-that-be want it to be an issue, it's there, but if they don't, they find a new clean name for it and it goes away like my poor cousin Buster.

- Jimi Hendrix

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POLITICAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES don't miss them!!!

More of you humans should go to political parties, they are real fun! Better than a dull old office Christmas party! You might be taken aback by that and think that political parties are dull and boring, no fun at all. What you have to do it to plan them better! I heard all the details and the low down as He Who Must Be Obeyed discussed the plans and results on the telephone. Apparently a meeting was advertised in the paper:-

Meet the Democrats

His Nibs and Macca were giggling for ages about 'Meet the Dumocraps'. His Nibs couldn't go, but King Macca loves a party so he organised Bob Doring and Dennis Stanbridge to accompany him, as it's always more fun at political parties if you have some friends. In fact they had lots! Of the twenty five humans at the party, twelve were known to King Macca as fellow moderates who just love turning up at do's like this to partake of the free beer, wine and cakes. They couldn't believe how easy it was to get in at the door, all were welcome. No name check. In fact, King Macca was thinking of calling in at the pub on the corner and telling them that there was free beer only doors away!

The meeting was at the Dumocraps' Queensland Headquarters in South Brisbane, an area which has its fair share of heavy drinkers. There were our boys supping ale and scoffing down the cakes when the room was called to order and a lady with a concrete smile set that way, walked in and was introduced as Cheryl Carenot. The thirteen members of the party faithful, all radicals, almost clacked their heels as they stood to attention when this Concrete Smile entered; they had come to bask in the radiant glow of the chosen one! Unfortunately for her, she had come to bask in the adoration of her party faithful!

The fixed smile of the politician. Shortly after this photo was taken the subject was rushed to hospital with severe cramping of the cheek muscles.

Our moderate party goers were not so impressed. After a five minute monologue Ms. Concrete Carenot opened the meeting for questions. The first person to spring to his feet was, of course, our own shy lad Bob Doring, who correctly stated his name before asking his question. Before he could start, Ms. Concrete Carenot boomed out in a loud voice full of snarling confidence, "Why don't you put on your gun hat Mr. Doring, so we know who you are?" So Bob pointed out that the Dumocraps Firearm Policy is nearly identical to the one that Hitler had in Germany shortly before World War II and that they were advocating jail sentences for firearm owners who didn't hand their guns in, just like Hitler did. Ms. Concrete Smile Carenot retorted with, "Guns are bad, there's no place in the cities for guns, what can you shoot in cities?". Bob came back to that quicker on the draw than Wyatt Earp, "Truck loads of Indonesian soldiers".

As their voices were getting harder and louder, none of the other moderates came in to help Bob, they knew he could talk underwater with a mouthful of marbles! The Queensland President threatened to move a motion that Bob's questions not be heard. He was looking concerned as he, a local, did not know these twelve strange faces in the room, albeit not sitting together but scattered. Of course, what was concerning him was that these new faces, fresh from the cakes and beer, were all smiling at Bob's quips and laughing at the uncomfortable position his fearless leader had found herself in . They did not want to allow Bob any more questions but asking Bob Doring to be quiet is about as easy as asking the sun not to rise in the morning.

Castration To Control Population

Bob asked a wide range of questions to Concrete Carenot. "What population do you think Australia can sustain?" "20 Million" retorts Concrete Carenot, the woman with a smile that sunk ten thousand ships. Bob then asked what mechanisms would she use to control breeding, would it be mandatory jail sentences as in her suggestions for firearm owners in her gun laws? "No", she said, "mandatory castration of males is my suggestion". Bob had done it, he had taken her over the top and exposed her real self.

Another one of our moderates was picked for the next question. He asked Hard Face what she thought of the discrimination laws. Of course she thought they were just fine. He pointed out that he had a right to discriminate and that if he wanted to put an advert in the paper for a black horse, why shouldn't he, as if he didn't put in an advert for a black one, he might not get offered what he wanted, so what would be the point of putting in an advert in the first place? At this time, short gasps of dismay were being heard from the faithful party radicals; maybe it was because of the number of unanswered questions. The Queensland President started to mumble something to Concrete Carenot, like maybe they should call the police. Concrete Carenot refused; she still did not see what she was up against.

Again our fearless speaker Bob was on his feet, waving around a completed party membership application form and was suggesting that he would join and start a branch on the Sunshine Coast. He could have been sincere except without thinking, he was still calling them **dumocraps.** Ms. Concrete Carenot said that they wouldn't let him join. He said that he would take it to the Discrimination Commissioner and she had just elaborated on how she considered the Discrimination Commissioner the best thing since sliced bread so had to remain silent again and pick another question from the floor. Guess what? It was another moderate and not a Dumocrap!

Eliminate The States

This guy got up and asked her opinion on Local Government and the Feds. She came into it brilliantly! She said that her theory was

the expansion of local regions and the elimination of the States and that leaving it open to direct control from Canberra was the way to go. The moderates at the meeting pounced again on her answer. Bob was making suggestions that the party change its name from the Dumocraps to the Australian Nazi Party.

Loyalty to the Nation

Ms. Concrete Smile, which was getting a bit cracked around the edges at this stage, said she would take just two more questions and that would be the final for the evening, except for the convivial gathering that was planned with the beer and cakes for afters. The person she picked for the next question just happened to be the Vice President for the Firearm Owners Association and he had not misbehaved himself before - he was waiting to strike! "You support the United Nations", he said. Her smile fell to half mast. He then proceeded to read out to her Section 44 of the Constitution and pointed out that as she gave allegiance, adherence to a foreign power - the United Nations, she should immediately resign as leader of the Party and resign from Parliament as she could be fined for sitting in Parliament. There were gasps of astonishment from the radical party faithful. "I'll never resign" she shouted, her concrete smile fragmented, it looked like Westgate after the bridge fell down - concrete all over the place. "The UN isn't a foreign power" she said. "The Australian people elected representatives to go to the UN", she said. The floor growled back with, "They have standing armies"; "They hold sovereign soil"; "It's not a country, it's an empire - the UN Empire". Someone stood up and told her that no Australians had ever had the privilege of voting for a representative to the United Nations. Her credibility was at an all-time low.

Now for the last question - the concrete lady was unlucky again - every time a coconut! She picked on a lady called Julie Bundy, another moderate, who explained to Ms. Concrete Carenot that the Dumocraps had the wrong information; the only true government was the will of the people and it was obvious that Concrete Carenot had forgotten this important principle.

Strategic Withdrawal

As Ms. Concrete Carenot was leaving she was accosted by an out-of-work teacher who was concerned about his superannuation, but before he had finished she turned her back on him and was hustled from the room by a gang of radical supporters numbering about three. Terrific, then it was time for fun, fun, fun!!! The beer and cakes were laid on, there were just a few groups of troubled Dumocrap radicals worriedly clinging together. In between endless beers and quaffing cakes, our fearless heroes swooped on the remaining Dumocraps and filled their ears with pro-gun information and gave them heaps of pro-gun literature. The Dumocraps stood grimly with this literature in hand. In the paper work was everything they were opposed to. How did they feel when the Queensland President came out of the inner sanctum, as his eyes cast downwards to see all his faithful clutching the hand-outs that Bob Doring had given to them? It just goes to show that political parties are the fun places to be at Christmas. Find out where they are on, search your local paper today. Sorry to say the Dumocraps might not be having a 'Meet the Dumocraps' evening for some time - at least not until after Christmas, but there are lots of other parties!!

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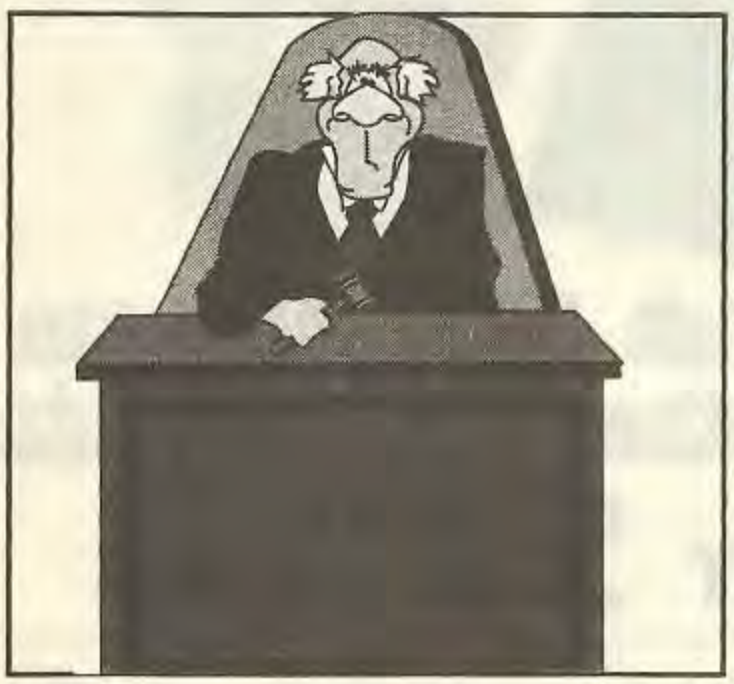

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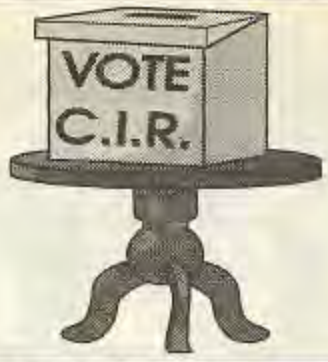


C.I.R.

With the depressing problems that Australia and the world is facing today it is easy for us to clutch at any remedy. Most of us have applied for all the usual legal remedies to address the regular assaults on our freedoms and liberties. Quickly we find out that every door is closed to us. The newspapers do not want to know, especially if you have a case that might upset the status quo. The politicians of all the leading parties will make sure you get the same form letter, if it's on the Bretton Woods Agreement or firearm laws - same answer!

The ombudsman pontificates and employs civil servants to investigate other civil servants and the courts are like vultures ready to steal your very life from under you. Your rights to own property are diminishing rapidly and freedoms to discriminate and have personal preferences are already gone.

We look for solutions other than violence - the alternatives I admit are few. Maybe it's Citizens Initiated Referendum know as CIR, but to implement a pure democratic system of referenda would mean that nothing would be secure from it. Well you might say "That's fair enough, we live in a democracy, don't we?" Well no, we don't! We live in a Constitutional Monarchy. That means we have limits on what the democracy can do to us. For instance should CIR have the power to replace the Constitution?

IS CIR THE ANSWER?

In Chapter 8 Section 128 of the Constitution, it says that the Constitution can be altered by referendum - it does not say replaced. In fact this can only alter the Constitution and not the Constitutional Act (an Act to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia) itself which is Chapter 12, 1 to 9, you may remember it is the bit which starts like this:-

"Whereas the people of NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God, have agreed to unite in one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth" - now you wouldn't allow a referendum on that, would you?

Let us wait before blaming our system and throwing a few thousand years of sorting out the hard spots and bumps. The system we have is being abused but it is more than likely a better thing if we address the problems we have rather then to go out and adopt another lot of problems from somewhere else.

There are some questions to think about before throwing your hat into the CIR ring. The CIR movement has been around a long time and a lot of people have their hopes on it as being the new salvation to overthrow the dictatorship of bank-owned political parties.

Directions are always seen as left or right, blue or red, and those directions are very often chosen for us. I know that it is almost blasphemy to criticise CIR and the people who do so will be called plants or vegetables, but if the sacred cow cannot stand against differing points of view then it doesn't hold for much.

To know the past is to understand our future so let's briefly have a look at referenda.

Encyclopedia Britannica states:-

"plebiscite, a vote by the people of an entire country or district to decide on some issue, such as a choice of a ruler or government, option for independence or annexation by another power, or a question of national policy."

As you have noticed there is no known difference to the meaning of the words referendum or plebiscite.

"Plebiscites are seen as a way for a government to go directly to the people, bypassing intermediaries such as political parties. After the revolution of 1789, the plebiscite was popular in France because it was seen as an expression of popular sovereignty. In 1804, a plebiscite made Napoleon emperor. Because a plebiscite offers a way of claiming a popular mandate without officially sanctioning an opposition party, totalitarian regimes use them to legitimise their power."

Once total power is obtained the dictator has no further use of referenda/plebiscites.

The first use of plebiscites were in the old Roman republic days about a 100 years BC. For 400 years before the Romans had emperors, they had a Constitutional Republic. The Roman Senate, for better or worse, was the ruling body in the world's most powerful empire. They had been led by kings 500 years BC but they had labelled them tyrants and forcibly removed them and created their Republic. The dictators that preceded Julius Caesar, Marius and Sulla had to work furiously hard to break the power of the Roman Senate as it was so popular and well entrenched, so they wanted to influence the "plebs" - that was the name for the common voters at the time. They had a few problems as they did not have the advantage of the television and the newspapers but some one had an exciting idea, "Why don't we have some thing like the Olympic Games but instead of having it all dull and boring, we won't let them play war games, we will have them for real in the arena, real action in moving colour just inches from the eyes of the audience. Wow, that will get them in!" And it did! In places like the Colosseum they could pack in over a hundred thousand of Rome's rich and famous to watch the gladiators hack one another to death. What good did it do the entrepreneurial dictator who was paying for the event which lasted sometimes forseveral weeks?

Taking the minds of the masses off more important issues is hardly a new idea. While we know that Macgyver will be back next week, the same can not be said for this poor sod.

you might ask. Well, they also gave away free cakes and pies and on the paper wrapper it said things like "Vote for Crassus, he is the best, he paid for this and he will keep having these extravaganzas as long as you make him pro-consul." The idea was that they had the media sewn up, no-one who was not a billionaire could afford the expense of running the Roman Games.

Historically the super powerful have used referenda or plebiscites instead of violence to consolidate and increase their dictatorial powers, the greatest advocate with the highest success rate was Herr Hitler. A lot of people assume that he came to total power by the use of violence but this was incorrect - he used referenda.

On Nov 12 1933, 95% of the electorate voted "yes" to Hitlers decision to walk out of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, and voted "yes" at 92% for a one party state. In the Dachau concentration camp outside Munich, 2154 out of the 2,242 inmates voted for the regime that imprisoned them!

"Hi, Dolphie!"

On January 15th 1935, 90% of Saarlanders went to a referendum and voted "yes" for joining Hitler in the Greater Germany, 9% voted to stay an independent country under the League of Nations.

On April 10th 1938, Herr Hitler scored a sweeping triumph in the referendum to unify Austria with Germany. It was officially announced that 99.75% of the votes cast in Austria were in favour of the union with Germany. Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, was one of the first to cast his vote. He gave the Hitler salute as he entered and left the polling booth.

THE SWISS WAY?

The security of Switzerland has always been held up as the epitome of long term freedoms that are safeguarded by referenda but does Switzerland assume that everyone is innocent until proven guilty? Does it have the equal to the Habeas corpus act? To be a Swiss citizen is a responsibility, the citizen soldier is part of the old belief that the traditional male soldier represents his family and that is why that even to-day in towns and cantons in Switzerland, women are not citizens and therefore cannot vote. For many years women suffrage has been opposed by a majority of women.

The Swiss Confederation was only formed in 1848, and has never seemed to develop strong party politics.

A foreign observer, a gentleman named Tocqueville, made a comparison between England and Switzerland some time back.

"When you examine the two countries, or even if you only pass through them you will perceive, in my judgement, the most astonishing differences between them.

1. In almost all the Swiss cantons, liberty of the "press" is a very recent thing.

2. In almost all of them individual liberty is by no means completely guaranteed, and a man may be arrested administratively and detained in prison without much formality.

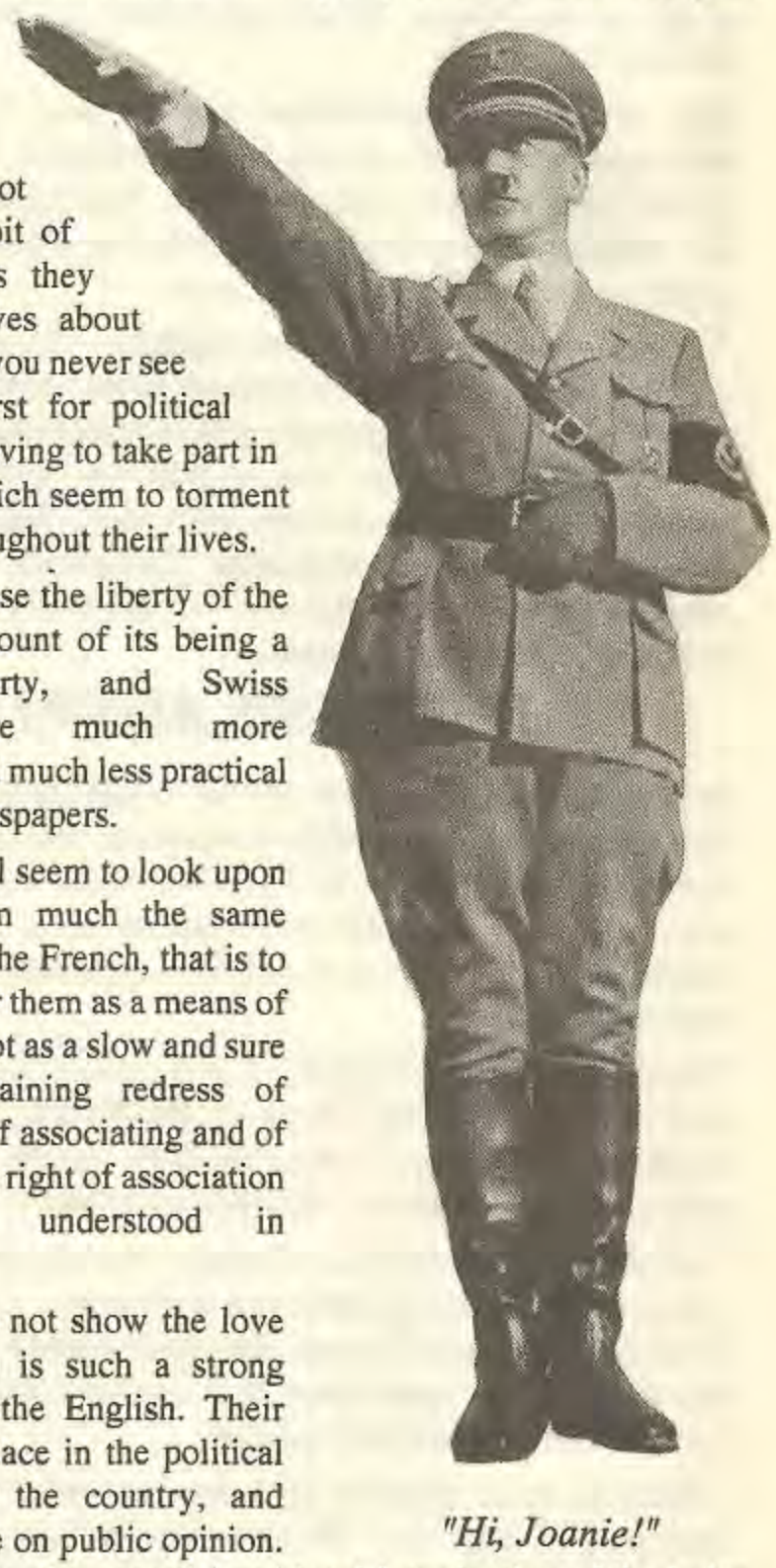
3. The courts have not, generally speaking, a perfectly independent position.

4. In all cantons, trial by jury is unknown.

5. In several cantons the people were, thirty eight years ago, entirely without political rights. Aargun, Thurgan, Tessin, Vaud, and parts of the cantons of Zurich and Berne were in this condition.

The preceding observations apply even more strongly to customs than to institutions.

i. In many of the Swiss cantons the majority of the citizens are quite without taste or desire for self government, and have not acquired the habit of it. In any crisis they interest themselves about their affairs, but you never see in them the thirst for political rights and the craving to take part in public affairs which seem to torment Englishmen throughout their lives.



"Hi, Joanie!"

ii. The Swiss abuse the liberty of the press on the account of its being a form of liberty, and Swiss newspapers are much more revolutionary and much less practical then English newspapers.

iii. The Swiss still seem to look upon associations from much the same point of view as the French, that is to say, they consider them as a means of revolution, and not as a slow and sure method for obtaining redress of wrongs. The art of associating and of making use of the right of association is but little understood in Switzerland.

iv. The Swiss do not show the love of justice which is such a strong characteristic of the English. Their courts have no place in the political arrangements of the country, and exert no influence on public opinion. The love of justice, the peaceful and legal introduction of the judge into the domain of politics, are perhaps the most standing characteristics of a free people.

v. Finally, and this really embraces all the rest, the Swiss do not show at bottom that respect for justice, that love of law, that dislike of using force, without which no free nation can exist, which strikes strangers so forcibly in England".

I sum up these impressions in a few words.

"Whoever travels in the United States is involuntarily and instinctively so impressed with the fact that the spirit of liberty and the taste for it have pervaded all the habits of the American people, that he cannot conceive of them under any but a Republican government. In the same way it is impossible to think of the English

as living under any but a free government. But if violence were to destroy the Republican institutions in most of the Swiss cantons, it would be by no means certain that after rather a short state of transition the people would not grow accustomed to the loss of liberty. In the United States and in England there seems to be more liberty in the customs than in the laws of the people. In Switzerland there seems to be more liberty in the laws than in the customs of the country".

From "Euvres Completes." Tocqueville 1836

Tocqueville made these observations last century but it shows a comparison of both systems when they were working nearly correctly - as in modern times, England or Australia could not make any comparisons as our systems have been illegally abused.

A traditional cantonal assembly in Glarus, Switzerland, where traditional male chauvanism is proudly alive and well.

This information has to lead us to asking the questions of what we hope CIR to do for us.

Will all subjects of life be thrown open to either direct democracy or referenda which is the same thing?

Will we then live in a democracy or a Constitutional Monarchy?

Would the democracy last as long as the constitutional monarchies and the constitutional republics? The democracies do not last more then fifty years, most a lot less, and Human Rights only lasts fifty minutes.

Do you advocate having a referendum which affect the Ten Commandments or abortion, or if we remain a country or not?

Do you envisage that there could be a referendum on giving our country's sovereignty to the United States of Asia. As Denmark recently submitted itself to, where at the first referendum it failed but after a four month extensive media campaign they managed to win by 56%. That 6% meant the end of Denmark - it will only be a state in the United States of Europe. The same thing happened in South Africa - a referendum was held on the subject of blacks voting, after an extensive media campaign which threatened that if this was not passed there would be international intervention. With a low majority this was passed, the white people slowly woke up to the fact that they had voted for their country's own destruction, and the control of their country passed to Mandela and the internationalists. It was too late to get another referendum to change it all back again, it was like a long dark black dream turning into a nightmare.

MANIPULATION OF THE CIR

Citizens are supposed to be the ones initiating referenda but how would we know who was behind the suggestion. If we had a national referendum for instance on firearm laws, even if two out of every three homes had one - a week before vote a man would shoot everyone in McDonalds or a church - who paid him? It wouldn't matter! If it really happened it would not matter! What would matter would be the 3 inch high headlines, and John Laws and Ray Martin, and the sixteen million fools listening and soaking up the propaganda. The Romans knew this trick! Napoleon knew this trick! Hitler knew this trick! The New World Order knows this trick! If ever the powers of control in Australia decide to use CIR the game is over. Is this going to happen to Australia?

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OBITUARY

GEORGE VINCENT FRANCIS TURNER

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NOT YOUR AVERAGE LAWYER

"I want to leave the world in better shape than when I found it, for the sake of my children", George Turner remarked to me a few years ago, adding that he was running behind schedule in the task. But he did try! And it was not only his own children he sought to help. The pace at which he lived a Christian life of loving and helping his fellow man was daunting (for those of us who did enjoy good health) to merely observe.

George died suddenly last week only 46, leaving his wife June and their seven children aged from 5 to 16, as well as a great many friends.

Ahead of anyone else I've know, the sad loss of such a decent, honourable bloke; such a tireless and compassionate worker for so many, many others in strife, causes that crazy phrase "Only the good die young," to reverberate endlessly around inside my head.

George Vincent Francis Turner was the kind of lawyer (barrister, actually) who restored faith in humanity to many farmers and others who had good cause to dislike and distrust many of his profession. Of scrupulous integrity, he loathed those who lacked it and stretched his fragile health to the limit aiding their victims.

In recent years, the majority of George's legal clients didn't pay him. They couldn't pay, so he didn't ask. They needed help so he gave it. That was George.

I sent one chap to see George on the farm at Inverell where he ended his days. The fellow's legal situation was desperate and financial only a little better. I told him to give George some money because George would never ask, and I knew he could really use some dollars at the time. I heard later that George took the proffered cash and gave 60% of it back, saying, "You can't afford to give me this much", then invited my mate to stay overnight with the family.

There was a big time cocky who was about to be dudded, through a sneaky contract, for a quarter of a million dollars deposit he'd put on another farm. None of the local solicitors could solve his problem and a trip to Sydney to consult a number of the best, most expensive legal experts gave him no joy either. To stop his moaning, I sent him to George who promptly found the solution he needed, but didn't want to be paid for a simple bright idea. I suggested he should drop a thousand dollars in cash into George's letter box.

Before he escaped from the city and the legal majority he said "were not worth feeding," George was a councillor for eight years on the Strathfield council. He was a President of the Federation of Catholic Parents and Friends and active in various other associations.

In 1988 George started a campaign to point out to everyone from the Governor General down that it was wrong, under our Constitution (which he knew well and valued greatly), that about 30% of our 'feral' (Oops! Make that Federal) politicians were holding their seats illegally because they held dual nationality. That is they had allegiance to another country as well as Australia, which affronted George. He wrote to all the pollies and got his story onto page one of the Sydney paper, but the 'experts' weren't listening. Despite getting badly bashed for his trouble, one dark night, George persisted. Only last year, the High Court vindicated his unpopular view in the Phil Cleary/Wills by-election case.

As an independent Senate candidate, George was one of the very few not motivated by ego. He just wanted to create a better Australia, and I have a sneaky suspicion that he did know how.

Thousands of people have heard George as a motivated Public Speaker on diverse topics from the perils of big government, to the banking system, to the UN treaty on the Rights of the Child, pornography, Gun Laws, erosion of our Common Law heritage and other dangers he saw to our sovereignty and freedoms. At meetings across Australia organised by the Rural Action Movement and various other groups he spoke with great clarity and passion.

Many farmers, business people and ordinary folk have been saved from very difficult situations thanks to this man and his June, who have been known to take in strangers like the battered wife and two children they put up for weeks because they had nowhere and no one. So many people have been encouraged, uplifted and helped by George that he will be sorely missed. I just hope they didn't break the mould.

There is one thing you can do to encourage others to help people as George did. Because his poor health prevented him from having life insurance, George didn't. If only all his freebie legal work were now paid for, the family George loved so much would not want for anything. Presently they have very little except need. To begin with, they need a house to live in. Let us show them that this community George loved and trusted so much is in fact worthwhile; that we don't forget a man like him.

The **GEORGE TURNER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST** is already established. Not all of the people he helped can now pull a lot out of their packets to help George's kids, so it will take lots of other people helping a bit for this community to make a good show of it. Donations to the Trust may simply be banked to reach Commonwealth Bank branch no. 2-900 account no. 10072030. Enquiries tel (06) 20 50130/1

Bruce Bell

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EMINENT PROFESSOR ILL

It has been reported that Professor Anton Gubrik, Global expert for Ancient History has voluntarily admitted himself to the psychiatric hospital in Northern Alaska where it is said he is as well as can be expected.

This news comes after weeks of massive demonstrations around the world following the eminent professor's paper to the Global Ancient History Society in London. In this paper Professor Gubrik claimed to have found irrefutable proof that there were resistance groups in Apathralia during the period of Global Uniting five hundred years ago. This revelation is, as everyone knows, totally untrue as it is a matter of Global history that the Apathralians welcomed Global in its rightful quest for unity throughout the world. Our glorious Leaders condemn Professor Gubrik for this paper and for uttering the filthy and dissenting word 'freedom'. It is well known that the definition of 'freedom' in the Global dictionary is:-

FREEDOM - a profane word, a word uttered by dissatisfied citizens. Free (adj) as in free-person is not known these days but was an independent thinking person, an activist - illegal today.

In-depth article by GLOBAL Journalist NORRIS LURKER

CLAIMS OF ANCIENT "FIND"

Several weeks ago Professor Anton Gubrik returned to New York from Rothchilia (known in ancient times as Apathralia). He had been investigating and digging in the Eastern Highlands especially in the south east of Morganland, formerly known as the state of Queensland. It was alleged by the Professor that it was there that he found irrefutable proof that there were several groups of resistance fighters to the wonderful Global Uniting that took place at the change of the millennium. He claims to have found ancient weapons, concealed camp-sites and books that described acts of treason and terrorism by unknown people called Drake, King Henry V, Boadicea and the most evil and terrible of all, a man called Spartacus who led a revolt of happy, well-cared for people against the legal and rightful government of the day. It was alleged that in a box made from a base metal called stainless steel, diverse scribblings and writings were discovered, apparently the works of various right-wing cranks and activists of the day. We cannot imagine such misguided and terrible people today as we bask in the all encompassing security and peace of Global. Some of the ancient writings described desperate act of terrible treason against Global Police, Global Information Bureaus and energy depots. Professor Gubrik claimed - although vehemently denied by Global - that these desperate men delayed the merger of Apathralia to Global.

SEDITIOUS MATERIAL

Professor Gubrik also claims to have discovered in these steel boxes, evidence of the quaint metal bartering system that was used in pre-unity days. This ancient inefficient system is not known today, as we have no need of any credit system. It is only ancient historians that have been allowed to know of it. Your star Global Reporter has been given special dispensation by the Global Minister for Care, Chief Executive Officer Moriarty to enlighten the people of this ancient and stupid system. Here is a brief outline:- For many years coinage was cast that had fixed values and this was exchanged for goods and services, for many years this evil and inefficient system flourished.

FORE-RUNNERS OF GLOBAL

In the ancient times, about five hundred and fifty years ago, Banks, the fore-runners of Global, decided that this stupid and inefficient system should be replaced so that the fore-runners of Global could better help and assist the uniting of all countries into the wonderful Global. This was achieved by the introduction of Plastic, and by presenting the benefits of this new system the Banks would be far better placed to help the people manage their lives. Even the ancient payment of wages and salaries had to be changed as the people were informed of the risks and dangers of coinage. Very soon the people welcomed this new Plastic as the worrying day to day management of the coinage was replaced by the all encompassing care of the Banks. Soon the fore-runners of Global recognised the advantages to the people of their amalgamation and Global was born! This took care of the people and soon even the Plastic disappeared and everything was supplied by our new wonderful Global. In exchange for their work, the people got food, clothing, shelter and three one day holidays per year. All of these wonderful benefits were given freely and fully by Global.

OUR BEST WISHES

The Global News in it's most caring way hopes that Professor Gubrik will have a full recovery and embrace the peace and unity of Global in their denial of such people as the evil and terrible freedom fighters.

LONG LIVE GLOBAL

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CONTROVERSIAL LECTURE

A major boost for our organisation throughout the world happened several days ago in London. Professor Anton Gubrik, the controversial senior officer of Global Ancient History, presented his long awaited paper. This is a great morale booster for our scattered groups in the Rocky Mountains, the Urals and in South America. Once again we have documented proof that Global has not only lied but actively changed the writing of history that is now taught in our schools. It is no wonder that as each generation matures, the freedom activists are reduced. We appeal to all thinking people, and know that there are but a few left, to constantly question and to seek behind the news items and stories put out by Global. As you know, there is only one news source, only one paper and as the vast majority of peoples throughout the world are enslaved (even though that word has been removed from all languages and dictionaries) we must continue in our efforts to educate more and more people to what **FREEDOM & LIBERTY** were like. Below are highlights of Professor Anton Gubrik's paper as delivered at the London conference.

ANCIENT CAMP-SITE FIND

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I have returned from the Eastern Highlands of Rothchilia. The location of our diggings and exploration was in the south east corner of Morganland. Overall, the whole project took two years and we were rewarded with irrefutable, and to me, exciting discoveries that may have far-reaching consequences to Global.

.....Apart from the ancient weapons such as rifles and their primitive ammunition, fire sites and cave habitats were unearthed. Although these were exciting, the major discovery of the expedition was four stainless steel boxes, sealed and still in reasonable condition. You can imagine our excitement as we opened these containers in our mobile, sterile laboratory. Inside were books, writings, maps and primitive magnetic iron compasses but best of all, what were termed 'photographs' - briefly that lost art of capturing images on chemical papers. These were of the freedom fighters. Some of the books were obviously written by freedom activists who detailed the decline of their society into total bondage by the apathy of the people and their reliance on the fore-runners of Global. The writings were in an ancient script called 'longhand' - this was difficult to decipher as we had lost the codes centuries ago when computers took over these manual tasks.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS

You can imagine our thrill when we read of the deeds of the freedom fighters who seemed to dominate these small groups. Contrary to official Global history, these small groups of 4 - 6 persons delayed the glorious uniting by many years. Their tactics seemed to be based on several of the books discovered concerning myths from earlier times - one Spartacus and another Robin Hood. No concrete evidence has ever been presented of these two and therefore we do not comment on their validity. Apparently for many years, the support of the people in the villages and the farms in those areas was inspirational to these activists but as the fore-runners of Global's influence spread and greater apathy gripped the general populace before Unity, slowly these groups diminished. One of the main influences that caused this decline was a 2-stage introduction to the removal of the ancient coinage system. Phase 1 was the compulsory decline of the coinage system by the introduction of Plastic and Phase 2 was the replacement of Plastic by the Electronic Credit System. After unity in the year 2020, the system that is present today was introduced.

.....Upon deciphering more of the writings of the activists it seemed that they welcomed the trials and tribulations of a free way of life. In comparison to those days, they could say that we are in bondage as we have no choice as to where we live, where we work, who we breed with or even what we think! Our sole source of information is Global. It would seem that all the people today are so alike that excitement and initiative are completely foreign and we now resemble the animals of the Global Farm.

.....My assistants were amazed at the strange objects that I called 'books' as they had never seen any. The recognition that books were superfluous in people's lives due to the advent of Global Electronic Education some years after Unity, meant that the books were treasured by the freedom fighters. The material and stories written in them obviously sustained these activists, as the ancient battles and accounts of martyrs would have been an inspiration beyond our belief today.

REVISE HISTORY?

.....With further deciphering of the journals over the next few years, it may be that Global has to revise its official history. I must express my own doubts on the validity of Global history that these men were evil and terrorists - as it seems by the writings that they had a wonderful and enjoyable period when fighting against Unity. This seems all the more incredible as enjoyment and laughter is so foreign to us today. In conclusion I must say that there were moments at the diggings when I wistfully imagined that I was one of them, with an ancient weapon in my hand, joy and courage in my heart - about to set off on an affray against the fore-runners of Global."

We at LIBERTY will endeavour to circulate this extract to the Underground. It will be noted that this is the first prominent Global employee who has questioned official history for many decades. We wish Professor Gubrik good health and credits in his future activities and hope that nothing untoward happens to mar this.

Your **LIBERTY** Reporter,

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HISTORY OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER

PART THIRTEEN

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"We the oppressed peoples of Russia, the oppressed peoples of Eastern Europe, watch with anguish the tragic enfeeblement of Europe. We offer you the experience of our suffering; we would like you to accept it without having to pay the monstrous price of death and slavery that we have paid. But your society refuses to heed our warning voices. I suppose we must admit, sad though it is, that experience cannot be transmitted: everyone must experience everything for himself." Alexander Solzhenitsyn

An outstanding feature of history is that all great prophets are initially shunned, particularly when the Truth they bring is unpopular. The most famous example of this was crucified two thousand years ago.

On July the 9th 1975 in NewYork Alexander Solzhenitsyn ceased to be news. In a dramatically charged address he openly stated that the West had financed the economic blood transfusion which sustained and nourished the Soviet Empire. That was his swan song; the world's press consigned him to non-person status under a sea of pseudo-intellectual smears, saying he was out of touch with the realities of the West.

In George Orwell's book *1984* one of the characters says, "Who controls the past controls the future". While it is true that people who do not learn from the mistakes of history are doomed to repeat them, it means nothing if the people are denied the information. What hope do our young people have when they know nothing real? How will they recognise Truth?

Launching a pontoon section of a Soviet PMP floating bridge - is it military?

Bad News Is No News

Dr Anthony Sutton, as a researcher at Stanford University, had documented fact that from the start of the Bolshevik Revolution the Western industrial giants and banks had built the Soviet military industrial base. He gave the following testimony before Senator John Towers of Texas, chairman of the Security Sub-Committee of the Republican party, on August 15th, 1972 at 2.30pm.

Both major wire services received copies from the American Conservative Union; they were not distributed. Congressman John G. Schmitz then arranged for duplicate copies to be hand-delivered to both UPI and AAP. The wire services would not carry the testimony, although the author is an internationally known academic researcher with three books published at Stanford University, and a forthcoming book from the U.S. Naval Institute.

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THE SOVIET MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

The information that I am going to present to you this afternoon is known to the Administration. The information is probably not known to the Senator from South Dakota or his advisers. And in this instance ignorance may be a blessing in disguise.

I am not a politician. I am not going to tell you what you want to hear. My job is to give you the facts. Whether you like or dislike what I say doesn't concern me. I am here because I believe - and Congressman Ashbrook believes - that the American public should have these facts.

I have spent ten years in research on Soviet technology. What it is - what it can do - and particularly where it came from. I have published three books and several articles summarising the work. It was privately financed. But the results have been available to the Government. On the other hand I have had major difficulties with the U.S. Government censorship. I have fifteen minutes to tell you about this work.

In a few words: there is no such thing as Soviet technology.

Almost all - perhaps ninety to ninety five percent - came directly or indirectly from the United States and its allies. In effect the United States and the NATO countries have built the Soviet Union, its industrial and its military capabilities. This massive construction job has taken 50 years. Since the Revolution in 1917, it has been carried out through trade and the sale of plants, equipment and technical assistance.

Peaceful Trade

Listening to Administration spokesmen - or some newspaper pundits - you get the impression that trade with the Soviet Union is some new miracle cure for the world's problems. That's not quite accurate. The idea that trade with the Soviets might bring peace goes back to 1917. The earliest proposal is dated December 1917 - just a few weeks after the start of the Bolshevik Revolution. It was implemented in 1920 while the Bolsheviks were still trying to consolidate their hold in Russia. The result was to guarantee that the Bolsheviks held power: they needed foreign supplies to survive.

The history of our construction of the Soviet Union has been

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blacked out - much of the key information is still classified - along with the other mistakes of the Washington bureaucracy. Why has the history been blacked out? Because 50 years of dealings with the Soviets has been an economic success for the USSR and a political failure for the United States. It has not stopped the wars, it has not given us peace.

The United States is spending $80 billion a year on a defence against an enemy built by the United States and West Europe. Even stranger, the U.S. apparently want to make sure this enemy remains in the business of being an enemy. Now at this point I've probably lost some of you. What I have said is contrary to everything you've heard from the intellectual elite, the Administration, and the business world, and numerous well-regarded Senators - just about everyone. Let me bring you back to earth.

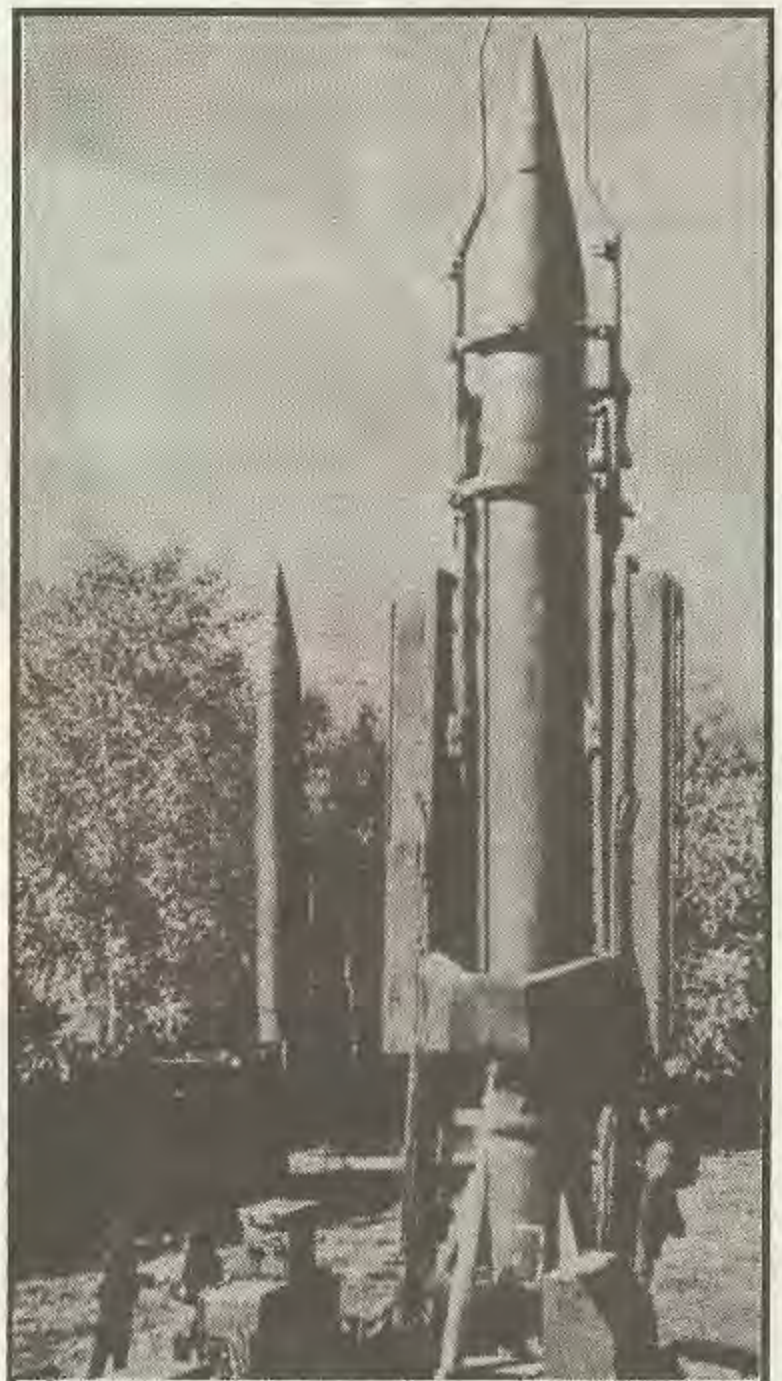
Thanks For All Your Help, You Capitalist Swine!

First an authentic statement. It's authentic because it was part of a conversation between Stalin and W. Averell Harriman. Ambassador Harriman has been prominent in Soviet trade since the 1930's and is an outspoken supporter of yet more trade. This is what Ambassador Harriman reported back to the State Department at the end of World War II:

"Stalin paid tribute to the assistance rendered by the United States to Soviet industry before and during the War. Stalin (He, in the original) said that about two-thirds of all the large industrial enterprises in the Soviet Union have been built with the United States' help or technical assistance".

I repeat - "two thirds of all the large industrial enterprises in the Soviet Union had been built with the United States help or technical assistance".

Two-thirds! Two out of three! Stalin could have said that the other one third of large industrial enterprises were built by firms from Germany, France, Britain and Italy. Stalin could have said also that the tank plants, the aircraft plants, the explosive and ammunition plants originated in the U.S.



Components for missiles such as this Scud are, oddly enough, produced in factories set up by peaceful American trade

That was June 1944. The massive technical assistance continues right down to the present day. Now the ability of the Soviet Union to create any kind of military machine, to ship missiles to Cuba, to supply arms to North Vietnam, to supply arms for use against Israel - all this depends on its domestic industry.

In the Soviet Union about three quarters of the military budget goes on purchases from Soviet factories. This expenditure in Soviet industry makes sense. NO army has a machine that churns out tanks. Tanks are made from alloy, steel, plastics, rubber and so forth. The alloy steel, plastics and rubber are made in Soviet factories to military specifications. Just like in the United States. Missiles are not produced on missile making machines. Missiles are fabricated from aluminium alloys, stainless steel, electrical wiring, pumps and so forth. The aluminium, steel, copper wire and pumps are also made in Soviet factories.

In other words the Soviet military gets its parts and materials from Soviet industry. There is a Soviet military-industrial complex just as there is an American military-industrial complex.

This kind of reasoning makes sense to the man in the street. The farmer in Kansas knows what I mean. The salesman in California knows what I mean. The taxi driver in New York knows what I mean. But the policy makers in Washington do not accept this kind of common sense reasoning, and never have done.

The Basic Equation

So let's take a look at the Soviet industry that provides the parts and the materials for Soviet armaments: the guns, tanks, aircraft. The Soviets have the largest iron and steel plant in the world. It was built by McKee Corporation. It is a copy of the U.S. steel plant in Gary, Indiana. All Soviet iron and steel technology comes from the U.S. and its allies. The Soviets use open hearth, American electric furnaces, American wide strip mills, Sendzimir mills and so on - all developed in the West and shipped in a peaceful trade.

The Soviets have the largest tube and pipe mill in Europe - one million tons per year. The equipment is Fretz-Moon, Salem, Aetna Standard, Mannesman, etc. Those are not Russian names. All Soviet tube and pipe making technology comes from the U.S. and its allies. If you know anyone in the space business ask then how many miles of tubes and pipes go into a missile.

The Soviets have the largest merchant marine in the world - about 6,000 ships. I have the specifications for each ship. About two thirds were built outside the Soviet Union. About four fifths of the engines for these ships were also built outside the Soviet Union. There is no ship engine of Soviet design. Those built inside the USSR are built with foreign technical assistance. The Bryansk plant makes the largest marine diesels. In 1959, the Bryansk plant made a technical assistance agreement with Burmeister & Wain of Copenhagen, Denmark, (a NATO ally), approved as peaceful trade by the State Department. The ships that carried Soviet missiles to Cuba ten years ago used these same Burmeister & Wain engines. The ships were in the POLTAVA class. Some have Danish engines made in Denmark and some have Danish engines made at Bryansk in the Soviet Union.

About 100 Soviet ships are used on the Haiphong run to carry Soviet weapons and supplies for Hanoi's annual aggression. I was able to identify 84 of these ships. None of the main engines in these ships was designed and manufactured inside the USSR. All the larger and faster vessels on the Haiphong

run were built outside the USSR. All shipbuilding technology in the USSR comes directly or indirectly from the U.S. or its NATO allies.

Motorvation

Let's take one industry in more detail: motor vehicles.

All Soviet automobile, truck and engine technology comes from the West; chiefly the United States. In my books I have listed each Soviet plant, its equipment and who supplied the equipment. The Soviet military has over 300,000 trucks - all from these U.S. built plants. Up to 1968 the largest motor vehicle plant in the USSR was at Gorki. Gorki produces many of the trucks American pilots see on the Ho Chi Mihn trail. Gorki produces the chassis for the GAZ-69 rocket launcher used against Israel. Gorki produces the Soviet jeep and half a dozen other military vehicles. And Gorki was built by the Ford Motor Company and the Austin Company - as peaceful trade. In 1968 while Gorki was building vehicles to be used in Vietnam and Israel further equipment for Gorki was ordered and shipped from the U.S.

Also in 1968 we had the so-called 'FIAT deal' - to build a plant at Volgograd three times bigger than Gorki. Dean Rusk and Walt Rostow told Congress and the American public this was peaceful trade - the FIAT plant could not produce military vehicles.

Don't let's kid ourselves. Any automobile manufacturing plant can produce military vehicles. I can show anyone who is interested the technical specification of a proven military vehicle (with cross country capability) using the same capacity engine as the Russian FIAT plant produces.

The Soviet BM-21 Multiple-Launch Rocket System, made mobile with just a little help from their friends.

The term 'FIAT deal" is misleading. FIAT in Italy doesn't make automobile manufacturing equipment. FIAT did send 1,000 men to Russia for erection of a plant - but over half, perhaps well over half of the equipment came from the United States. From Gleason, TRW of Cleveland and the New Britain Machine Co.

So in the middle of a war that has killed 46,000 Americans (so far) and countless Vietnamese with Soviet weapons and supplies, the Johnson Administration doubled Soviet auto output. And supplied false information to Congress and the American public.

The Soviets are receiving now - today, equipment and technology for the largest heavy truck plant in the world; known as the Kama plant. It will produce 100,000 heavy ten- ton trucks per year - that's more than ALL U.S. manufacturers put together.

This will also be the largest plant in the world, period. It will occupy 36 square miles. Will the Kama plant have military potential? The Soviets themselves have answered this one. The Kama truck will be 50 percent more productive than the ZIL-130 truck. Well, that's nice, because the ZIL series trucks are standard Soviet army trucks used in Vietnam and the Middle East. Who built the ZIL plant? It was built by the Arthur J. Brandt Company of Detroit, Michigan. Who's building the Kama truck plant? That's classified 'secret' by the Washington policy makers. I don't have to tell you why.

Biting The Hand That Feeds

The Soviet T-54 tank is in Vietnam. It was in operation at Kontum, An Loc and Hue a few weeks ago. It is used today in Vietnam. It has been used against Israel. According to the tank handbooks the T-54 has a Christie type suspension. Christie was an American inventor. Where did the Soviets get a Christie suspension? Did they steal it?

No sir! They bought it. They bought it from the U.S. Wheel Track Layer Corporation.

However, this Administration is apparently slightly more honest than the previous Administration.

Last December I asked Assistant Secretary Kenneth Davis of the Commerce Department (who is a mechanical engineer by training) whether the Kama trucks would have military capabilities. In fact I quoted one of the Government's own inter-agency reports. Mr. Davis didn't bother to answer but I did get a letter from the Department and it was right to the point. Yes! we know the Kama truck plant has military capability, we take this into account when we issue export licenses.

I passed these letters on to the press and congress. They were published.

Unfortunately for my research project, I also had pending with the Department of Defense an application for declassification of certain files about our military assistance to the Soviets. This application was then abruptly denied by D.O.D.

It will supply military technology to the Soviets but gets a little uptight about the public finding out.

I can understand that.

Of course, it takes a great deal of self confidence to admit you are sending factories to produce weapons and supplies to a country providing weapons and supplies to kill Americans, Israelis and Vietnamese. In writing. In an election year.

More to the point - by what authority does this Administration undertake such a policy?

Many people - as individuals - have protested our suicidal

policies. What happens? Well, if you are in Congress, you probably get the strong arm put on you. The Congressman who inserted my research findings into the Congressional Record suddenly found himself with primary opposition. He won't be in Congress next year.

If you are in the academic world, you soon find it's OK to protest U.S. assistance to the South Vietnamese but never, never protest U.S. assistance to the Soviets. Forget about the Russian academics being persecuted - we mustn't say unkind things about the Soviets.

If you press for an explanation what do they tell you?

Malice In Wonderland

First, you get the Fulbright line. This is peaceful trade. The Soviets are powerful. They have their own technology. It's a way to build friendship. It's a way to a new world order.

This is demonstrably false. The Soviet tanks in An Loc are not refugees from the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade. The Soviet ships that carry arms to Haiphong are not peaceful. They have weapons on board, not flower children or Russian tourists.

Second, if you don't buy that line you are told "The Soviets are mellowing". This is equally false.

Western technology not only helped in the production of missiles such as this Scud, but also strategic mobility.

The killing in Israel and Vietnam with Soviet weapons doesn't suggest mellowing, it suggests premeditated genocide. Today - now - the Soviets are readying more arms to go to Syria. For what purpose? To put in a museum?

No one has ever presented evidence, hard evidence, that trade leads to peace. Why not? Because there is no such evidence. It's an illusion. It is true that peace leads to trade. But that's not the same thing. You first need peace, then you trade. That does not mean if you trade you will get peace. But that's too logical for the Washington policy makers and it's not what the politicians and their backers want anyway.

Trade with Germany doubled before World War II. Did it stop World War II?

Trade with Japan increased before World War II. Did it stop World War II?

What was in this German and Japanese trade? The same means for war that we are now supplying the Soviets. The Japanese Air Force after 1934 depended on U.S. technology. And much of the pushing for Soviet trade today comes from the same groups that were pushing for trade with Hitler and Tojo 35 years ago.

The Russian Communist Party is not mellowing. Concentration camps are still there. The mental hospitals take the overload. Persecution of the Baptists continues. Harassment of Jews continues, as it did under the Tsars.

The only mellowing is when a Harriman and a Rockefeller get together with the bosses in the Kremlin. That's good for business but it's not much help if you are a G.I. at the other end of a Soviet rocket in Vietnam.

I've learned something about our military assistance to the Soviets. It's just not enough to have the facts - these are ignored by the policy makers. It's just not enough to make a common sense case - the answers you get defy reason.

Only one institution has been clear sighted on this question. From the early 1920's to the present day only one institution has spoken out. That is the AFL-CIO.

From Samuel Gompers in 1920 down to George Meany today, the major unions have consistently protested the trade policies that built the Soviet Union, because union members in Russia lost their freedom and union members in the United States have died in Korea and Vietnam. The unions know - and apparently care.

No one else cares. Not Washington. Not big business. Not the Republican Party. And 100,000 Americans have been killed in Korea and Vietnam - by our own technology.

Nothing Changes

The only response from Washington and the Nixon Administration is the effort to hush up the scandal.

These are things not to be talked about. And the professional smokescreen about peaceful trade continues.

The plain fact - if you want it - is that irresponsible policies have built us an enemy and maintain that enemy in the business of totalitarian rule and world conquest. And the tragedy is that intelligent people have bought the political double talk about world peace, a new world order and mellowing Soviets.

I suggest that the man in the street, the average taxpayer-voter, thinks more or less as I do. You do not subsidise an enemy.

And when this story gets out in the United States, it's going to translate into a shift of votes. I haven't met one man in the street so far (from New York to California) who goes along with a policy of subsidising the killing of his fellow Americans. People are equally stunned and disgusted. It requires a peculiar kind of intellectual myopia to ship supplies and technology to the Soviets when they are instrumental in killing fellow citizens.

What about the argument that trade will lead to peace? Well, we've had U.S.-Soviet trade for 52 years. The first and second Five Year Plans were built by American companies. To continue a policy that is a total failure is to gamble with the lives of several million Americans and countless allies.

You can't stoke up the Soviet military machine at one end and then complain that the other end came back and bit you. Unfortunately, the human price for our immoral policies is not paid by the policy makers in Washington. The human price is paid by the farmers, the students and working and middle classes of America. The citizen who pays the piper is not calling the tune - he doesn't even know the name of the tune.

Let me summarise my conclusions:-

1) Trade with the USSR was started over 50 years ago under

President Woodrow Wilson with the declared intention of mellowing the Bolsheviks. The policy has been a total and costly failure. It has proven to be impractical - this is what I would expect from an immoral policy.

2) We have built ourselves an enemy. We keep that self-declared enemy in business. This information has been blacked out by successive Administrations. Misleading and untruthful statements have been made by the Executive Branch to Congress and the American people.

3) Our policy of subsidising self-declared enemies is neither rational nor moral. I have drawn attention to the intellectual myopia of the group that influences and draws up foreign policy. I suggest these policies have no authority.

4) The annual attacks on Vietnam and the war in the Middle East were made possible only by Russian Armaments and our past assistance to the Soviets.

5) This worldwide Soviet activity is consistent with Communist theory. Mikhail Suslov, the party theoretician, recently stated that the current detente, according to Suslov, is to give the Soviets sufficient strength for a renewed assault on the West. In other words, when you've finished building the Kama plant and the trucks are rolling off - watch out for another Vietnam.

6) Internal Soviet repression continues - against Baptists, against Jews, against national groups and against dissident academics.

7) Soviet technical dependence is a powerful instrument for world peace if we want to use it. So far it's been used as an aid-to-dependent-Soviets welfare programme, with about as much success as the domestic welfare programme. Why should they stop supplying Hanoi? The more they stoke up the war the more they get from the United States.

One final thought. Why has the war in Vietnam continued for four long years under this administration?

We can stop the Soviets and their friends in Hanoi any time we want to. Without using a single gun or anything more dangerous than a piece of paper or a telephone call.

We have Soviet technical dependence as an instrument of world peace. The most humane weapon that can be conceived.

We have always had that option. We have never used it.

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I hope that this helps to explain to all that there is only one enemy in the world. It isn't a country, a state, a religion, a race - it is a club, an association, a small committee of ten who are the enemy of the world. They seem to enslave us all.

We have become hopelessly enmeshed in our worship of all that is pleasant, all that is comfortable, all that is material, all that is easy. It blinds us from reality. The present world situation is standing on the brink of a historic cataclysm, a flood that will swallow up civilisation. We have got to face up to a crisis; not just a social crisis, not just a political crisis, not just a military crisis, but the greatest upheavel since Rome disappeared into the Dark Ages. The New World Order is turning the light of civilization off, and mankind will never even know that it's happening to them. Let us hope we can stand firm and shake off this burden that seeks to enslave the world.

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REVOLUTION

By RON OWEN

Our Government in Australia wants to bring in radical changes to our structure of government. They wish, by whatever means they can best employ, to do away with our Constitution and our Flag and to change our government system to a Republic. They also wish to radically change our Federation of States to a centralised government with regional amalgamated councils represented in Canberra, and get rid of State Governments. This utopian dream that they have will of course come under the umbrella of the United Nations or, to use the correct word, Trilateralist World Government. We call it "The New World Order". They call it that too, but it is embarrassing for them, so it only slips out when they think they are amongst friends.

Rendered Helpless

As these changes are going on, they do not want the people to be in a position to retaliate or object. The disarmament goes on and the grumbling and disillusionment about the government and both political parties, has never been louder. Most Australians still regard their government as legitimate, if not fully competent, and some, a reducing amount, still think that the Government doesn't do it by design, it is just so big that it cannot help itself.

Still, something is changing in Australian attitudes. It can be sensed by anyone who listens to talk back radio, or reads the Letters to the Editor in the local papers. The newspapers will not print or reflect those opinions themselves in their editorials. The dissent is real and there; in cities and country meetings, toll busters, bee keepers, shooters, fishermen and farmers. It is the growing feeling that the Australian Government is the enemy of the average Australian.

Happiness is portable life insurance

Ever since Federation, Australians have formed the opinion that the Government is the people, that Government is only there to carry out the will of the people. The very fact that Australia holds elections is thought to certify the legitimacy of Government. Increasingly though, the people are becoming sadly aware that both parties have their policy dictated to them by the same entities that place the campaign funds in the accounts of the political parties. Sometimes in equal amounts, sometimes on a sliding scale depending on how hard they sell their soul to the devils. The Bankers.

This is democracy, and don't we get the government we deserve? The answer is probably, "Yes". The bright ones are only interested in how it affects them, and say, "I am so busy trying to make money, and keep my head above water, I cannot stand for government, or for an honest political party. What's the use? I would be on my own anyway!"

A Level Playing Field?

Even the other side admit that the logic of capitalist efficiency is one of the devices by which wealth and power are increasingly centralised. Two myths help sustain this inequality: the myth of "equality of opportunity" (which keeps people believing that at least their children will have a chance at the grand prize), and the idea that if someone is not successful, it is probably their own fault. (Blame the victim not the system).

We have found that the mechanisms of democracy can co-exist with the mechanisms of tyranny. The Greek philosophers wrote about that a few thousand years ago, and thinkers like Jefferson, Blackstone, Burke, Hamilton and Madison were aware of its faults. The result is, and someone has to say it first, that this country is suffering from current internal rifts that are splitting the people so deeply that we have never been closer to a civil war in our history than now! Every day that passes, is a day closer to when it starts.

Every day the evidence is pushed into our faces, of the arrogance of power that the Government can display against the people. Groups of Christians have their children taken off them. Parents who want to home-school their children have social workers visit with a warrant for their children. The courts are perverted by the same force that perverts the Government. The law has become the teeth of a greedy political force, not controlling crime, but enforcing it, by being guilty of the sins it was designed to protect us against. In Australia today, the law is controlled by a perverted minority, and used as chains to bind the majority. Australians are beginning to see it clearly defined, just how far the Government is prepared to go in asserting its limitless power over the private individuals.

Crimes that have been committed on the Pianta family, the Sommersets, the Greens, and the Muirheads; many Australians cannot believe their eyes. Others find their deepest suspicions confirmed.

At one time nearly all Australians would take the same line

that the media tries to sustain, that the Government and the Banks have to be fundamentally trusted. But it is not working. For the first time, millions of Australians are waking up, they are finding out for themselves, that the Government is the enemy.

The real mystery, is why Australians haven't generally hated their Government before now. People usually hate those that force them to do anything. I suppose the answer is that they have been put into servitude and were told that was what they wanted; everyone's dream, they were the lucky country, and you never had it so good!

Australians have recognised their Government as legitimate for so long that they and their manipulators have forgotten what an exceptionally precarious condition this is. The Government has committed the vast sin of presumption, exercising far more coercion than its population will tolerate indefinitely.

There are some general laws, natural laws. The more force you use, the more enemies you will make. The more laws you enact, the more criminals you will create. When you coerce and criminalise too many people who think of themselves as law-abiding, the Government destroys its legitimacy in the eyes of the people.

Public opinion can be defined as what everyone thinks every one else thinks. It decides whether people feel alone, isolated and helpless in their own opinions.

Solzhenitsyn said,

"Every one in the Gulag camps felt estranged from everyone else, because each man knew he was innocent but assumed that all the others were guilty. The rebellions in the camps occurred when each realised that all were innocent, that the whole system was monstrous and tyrannous".

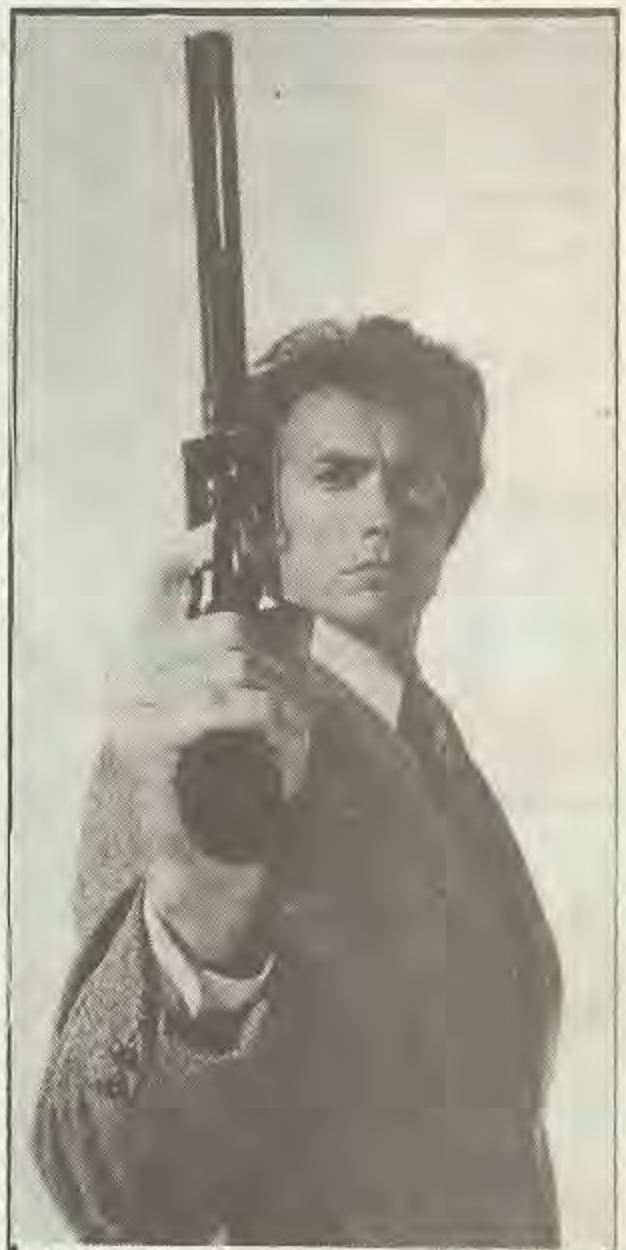
A Gradual Awakening

We, in the same way, are slowly realising that now, we who have individually felt oppressed by the Health and Workshop Safety Inspector, or the police have raided your house for guns, your own property, or the customs have taken away your paper work in the back of a utility, or the tax inspector wants to bankrupt you, or countless other bureaucrats have crawled all over you and your family - until recently, most of these people have felt isolated.

This, in my view, is what has changed, and is now changing at a quicker rate every day. Australian victims of the system, who are outraged by the establishment, have themselves established lines of communication that have never existed before and they know that they are not alone. The personal computer, the photo-copier and the fax machine are the tools of war. The Letter to the Editor which can be faxed to every local paper or put in to another editor in a different town, by a friend a thousand miles away. However it has happened, it is there. A growing movement of diverse segments of the population have been pushed to the realisation that the Government is illegitimate.

When these Australians speak of crime, they are talking of the crime that the Government won't control, and they know that the Government's favourite target for harassment and prosecution, are precisely those who are law abiding and who pose the least threat. This is what you have to teach your children; how to survive against the establishment, how to survive against the bureaucrats, how to survive against the Government. Very few Australians now think of the Government as identifiable as in the first line in our Constitution:

"Whereas the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God, have agreed to unite in one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth under the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and under the Constitution hereby established."



"Go ahead ... make me hand my guns in!"

Common Ground

They do not feel a part of it any more. It's them and us and it is no longer mainstream to support the established government. The movement has a few themes that are constant to all groups, the Flag, the Constitution, justice, God, gun rights, and the end to the economic slavery that has been imposed over the people. The movement has to build on the things we have in common and not diffuse on the things we do not agree on.

The majority of Australians now feel the most profound moral contempt for our Government and both political parties, even though the majority of them are still bound up with the false idea of loyalty to one of those parties. The greater number know that something is going on and that "all is not well in the state of Denmark"; something is rotten in the state of Australia. This mixture of fear and contempt toward government is something new under the Australian sun. Unfortunately it promises to bring political convulsion before the end of this century.

Now do you understand why they call for tougher tighter gun laws? They do not do things by accident. They have been planning for this for many years. It is now time for us to plan, it is now time for the people to find unity of purpose. The other side are making their arrangements to disarm us. We have to look to our own arrangements.

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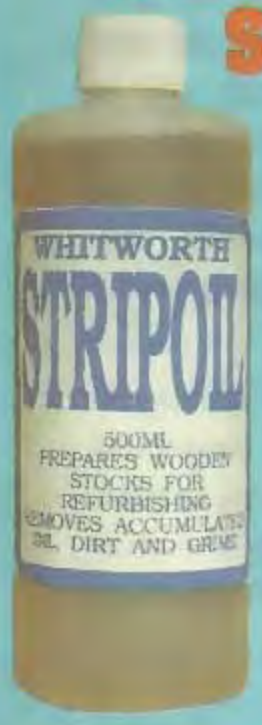

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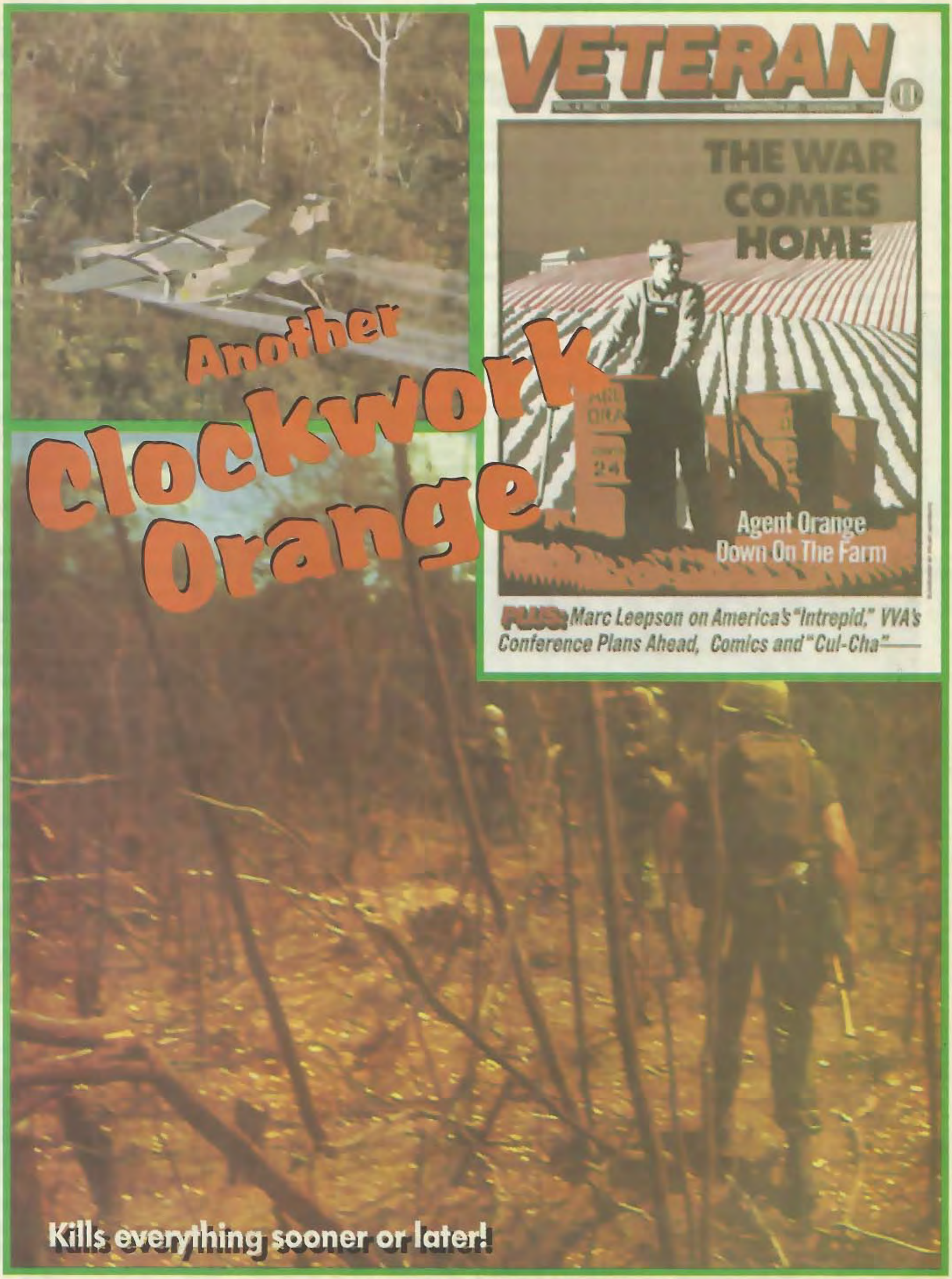
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THE WAR COMES HOME
Agent Orange Down On The Farm
PLUS: Marc Leepson on America's "Intrepid," VVA's Conference Plans Ahead, Comics and "Cul-Cha"—
Another Clockwork Orange
Kills everything sooner or later!

There is a sick koala in the zoo. Everyone knows because it's on the front page of the daily papers and there is a nightly commentary on the six o'clock news. It might have a cold or a hangover, it does not matter. More then likely, you have seen similar fluffy animals caught up a drain pipe or camping on a nuclear testing site. The world cares. Meanwhile at the same time twenty thousand humans are dying silently in agony and the world doesn't gives a toss! Winston Churchill is supposed to be quoted as saying, "A man, on hearing of the death of a hundred thousand people, feels more when a pricked on the finger with a pin," or words to that effect, but it is true - who cares about the masses?

Is a nerve gas, an insecticide or a herbicide? The answer is - with the right dosage at the right time, it can be all three.

Apparently, an insecticide known as Zyklon B made by I.G. Farben in Germany before the war, had a warning smell added which was obnoxious to humans, so that it would indicate that the substance was dangerous and present in the area when it was used as it was intended - to kill insects. Taking away the smell did not lesson its ability to kill humans. It did not increase its ability either. It just made it better at killing because humans could not detect it.

If your country is at war, a chemical company will put the label nerve gas on the can, if it is at peace they will put insecticide or herbicide and sell it to industry or the housewife to spray on the kitchen benches or for a flea collar for your pet.

Diversification

The Germans were working very hard to develop nerve gasses towards the end of World War II, but as far as they were concerned, it ended too soon. They had developed a nerve gas called E605 which was capable of killing an adult human with a teaspoonful sprayed anywhere on the skin - then before they could have fun with the stuff, the other boys came in and stopped the ball game. They couldn't even play with it any more. So the enterprising company relabelled it and sold it to farmers all over the world. If it can kill people, it could kill insects.

Millions of dollars worth of the organo-phosphate were imported to Australia by Henry H. York Pty. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of I.G. Farben. Apparently the Commonwealth bank (witch bank!) were extremely helpful in assisting the chemicals through customs control, regarding regulations and tests. Nerve gas in tins of insecticide and herbicide have been on sale in Australia for years. "Ban the gun," but make sure there is enough poison in kitchen to wipe out the street.

Sean Bloomfield was minding the farm for his parents while they were on holiday. He inadvertently spilt a small amount of neat 'Lannate' on his clothing and died almost straight away. The Queensland Minster for Agriculture defended the use of this anti-cholinergic, carbamate 'nerve gas' on national television. When the manufacturer, Dupont, was asked for comments, they said that the media had apologised for the lies and that anyway, the product was not being marketed by Dupont any more.

Defoliation left nowhere to hide, even for these medics collecting wounded under fire

When DDT, Chlordane, Dieldrin and Aldrin became unpopular due to the retention of poisons in the food chain, organo-phosphates came to take their place in history - ten times as deadly but less retentive. So it doesn't kill the customer as much, who might inadvertently eat produce that has been sprayed - but it is ten times more lethal to the person spraying it or any human being in the immediate vicinity. Yes, they are much better for the environment; they save the planet but kill the people. Fewer people, better environment.

Agent Orange was manufactured by many I.G. Farben sister companies; Shell, Dow and Monsanto. Sometimes it can be used as a plant growth stimulant or retardant, depending on the dose. Agent Orange came to the public eye in the late sixties when it was used in huge amounts to defoliate large areas of South Vietnam, with the added bonus of killing heaps of people slowly for years. Not that it matters that there are people on your side that die as well! They knew its history as a nerve gas when they used it, and they knew its history as a nerve gas when they were defending the actions in court against the veterans who were dying of its effects.

It's Just Not Cricket

The Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibited the use of poisonous gasses and all analogous liquids, materials and devices. The Americans sprayed Agent Orange over an area of 5.5 million acres - an area bigger than Wales. Ten years later, some areas would still not grow anything. In the United States, there are 32,000 outstanding claims filed by Vietnam Veterans on the Veterans' Administration. None of them have been granted so far, but in the civil courts Vietnam Veterans brought a class-action lawsuit against the seven herbicide makers that produced Agent Orange for the US Military. The suit was settled out of court with the establishment of a $180,000,000 fund to compensate veterans and their families for disabilities thought to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange.

Even after this decision, the governments involved - including Australia - will not admit that they knew that it was a nerve gas as this would put them in contravention of the Geneva Protocol, so again it has to come to court. We do not care how right you are, you are wrong!

Agent Orange was a mixture of herbicides, a defoliant. Sprayed from low-flying aircraft, it consisted of approximately equal amounts of the unpurified butyl esters of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic (2,4,5-T).

Agent Orange also contained small, variable proportions of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (commonly called dioxin), which is a by-product of the manufacture of 2,4,5-T. Exposure of laboratory animals to dioxin is associated with abnormally high incidences of abortions, skin diseases and birth defects. Veterans have suffered similar disorders after returning to the United States from Vietnam and have claimed that their afflictions resulted from exposure to Agent Orange. Their claims are being backed up by contract sprayers and Lands Department employees who are using the same sprays for the eradication of weeds and insects and are complaining of the same symptoms.

When the chemicals are mixed correctly and they are applied at the correct time of the year they do efficiently kill the target species, but unfortunately in every application they progressively kill the human species. In some applications, the 'powers that be' might want to kill the recipients but they have to be at least responsible to their soldiers/employees who have to handle the substance and also be responsible for their own soldiers/employees that may be inadvertently hosed down from the air.

An All-Too Familiar Story

On 8th July 1980, one of those who was well saturated, Colin Simpson, approached the Department of Veterans Affairs mentioning that the cancer lymphoma from which he suffered was due to exposure to chemicals whilst on war service. He had been an Artillery Signaller, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment 66/67.

Not surprisingly, his claim was rejected by the Repatriation Board. Colin then applied for an Appeal to the Repatriation Commission. Although it claims to be separate from the Department of Veteran Affairs, well .... that's right and we believe in Father Christmas as well. Colin died shortly before his appeal was rejected.

Crops destroyed and waterways polluted; it was unavoidable

The Vietnam Veterans Association, with Colin's widow, applied to the Repatriation Review Tribunal and the Association was represented by Mr. Brian Donnellan. He presented evidence from the HERBS tapes showing that during Colin's tour of duty, the US Air Force flew 104 spraying missions within the borders of the Australian area of operation, Phuoc Tuy Province, and distributed 229,490 gallons or 868,711 litres of Agent Orange. Colin had been taking part in operations in this area, and he would have been exposed to the nerve gas, or 'toxic chemicals' to give it a nice name, by drinking contaminated water, eating contaminated food or breathing contaminated air. The Commission overturned the Tribunal's decision. Six days after the finding in favour of Colin Simpson, the Department issued a memorandum instructing Repatriation Boards to ignore the Simpson ruling and demanding that they not change established practice in determining the merits of the case.

What has the upper echelon of the RSL been up to besides collecting poker machine revenue? Well, they did spend $60,000 on a report by solicitors on what had transpired in the United States' legal battles on Agent Orange and this report was presented on the 26th March 1980. Quote:

"The evidence in Australia and disclosed in the papers received from New York, can only be described as overwhelming circumstantial evidence that chemicals have affected Veterans and/or their dependents. The supporting medical and scientific evidence tends to support the circumstantial evidence and is strong." This information was sent to the Minister for Veterans Affairs by the RSL National President. The Minister replied, "There is no credible evidence at this stage of the game, that indicates there is any connection between Agent Orange and any disabilities."

Well, he thinks it's a game, and due to the fact that the RSL since that date have made no further attempts to help their veterans fight for their rights, then maybe they think it's a game too. I might play the same game and not renew my membership!

Et Tu, Brute?

Well, what's it all about really? It's only the upper executive. In May 1980, at the State Congress, the NSW sub branches voted 500 to 1 to call on the Government to institute an immediate independent inquiry into the effects of Agent Orange. That motion was taken to the RSL National Congress. It was not even voted on!

Whatever the reason is that holds the RSL it seems to be unchangeable. When the Hawke Government, who were committed to establishing a Royal Commission, took office in 1983, the National Leadership of the RSL lobbied for the commitment not to be honoured. When the Royal Commission was established, the RSL submitted a six page document arguing against the Vietnam Veterans Association's case. In other words, they chose to support the Monsanto Chemical Company rather than their own members. The Royal Commission did the usual white-wash job and copied out verbatim the chemical company's submissions in their findings.

What incentive the RSL National Executive had for their continued support of the Government and the chemical companies is hard to imagine, especially as their own solicitor, who had been hired at great expense, advised them that the evidence was strong in the Vietnam Veterans' favour. Maybe they felt a twisted sense of loyalty to Australia and the USA and wanted to protect them from the stigma of having used gas in contravention of the Geneva Protocol. Maybe it was for financial reasons.

In World War I (1914-18) hundreds of thousands of veterans on all sides died by gas poisoning - fits of thrashing, choking and blinding. Hundreds of thousands of survivors of these attacks died before their time as a result of these poisonous gasses.

In the years following the war, without fuss, they were quietly nursed by their families while they coughed themselves to death. Most did not even know which side's gas had killed them. Without complaint, they gave thier lives for their Country. They did not sue I.G. Farben or ICI - they just got on with the job of dying young without complaint. The RSL, the Government and the chemical companies want the victims of their 'nerve gas', the victims of hormonal side effects of Agent Orange, to do the same. Fifty thousand, or who knows just how many victims, are dying before their time. How do we count the unborn or the birth defects?

Meanwhile on the front page of Courier Herald there is an orangutang that smokes two packets of cigarettes every day and has trouble in his mating habits because he forgets to take the Marlboro Red out of his mouth when he's kissing. Human interest stories. So they say!

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THE BATTLE OF AGINCOURT

ST CRISPINS DAY, 25 OCTOBER 1415

BY COLONEL WALTER KURTZ [RET'D] "BINH BA" QLD

On Sunday 11th August 1415, a great armada of 1,500 ships put to sea from creeks and harbours facing the Isle of Wight and headed towards France. From a clear sky, a hot sun poured down on brightly painted bulwarks, sails embroidered with heraldic beasts, pennons, helmets, shields and the glossy rumps of horses.

From the masthead of King Henry V's flagship flew a banner representing the three persons of the Trinity and the arms of St. Edward, St. George and England. A crown of copper-gilt shone on the top-castle. On board the fleet were 2,000 men-at-arms and 8,000 archers from South Wales, Devon and Cornwall, the Yeomen of England, about 25,000 horses and a large number of specialists - miners, carpenters, armourers, smiths and gunners.

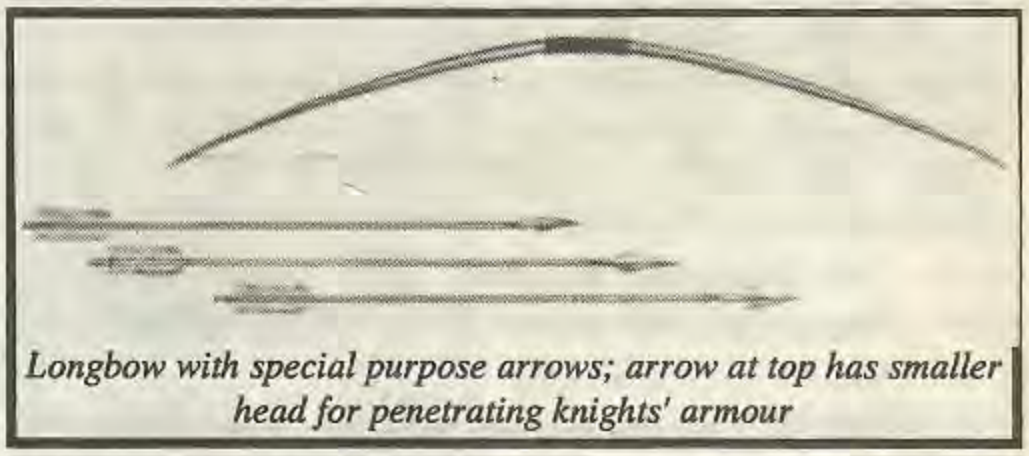
GOD IS ON OUR SIDE.

As the fleet manoeuvred out of the Solent, three ships caught fire. This was considered a bad omen and timid advisers urged the King not to sail with his troops. Henry ignored them and instead called on his clergy to give a unanimous blessing on the enterprise.

The cause of the enterprise was to take possession of Normandy in absolute right and to lay claim to the throne of France, asserting a right of succession through Henry's great, great- grandmother Isabella, wife of Edward II and daughter of King Philip IV of France. The claim had first been raised by his grandfather, Edward III. Edward III had fought a series of expensive but successful wars in France, securing a bridgehead of territory at Calais and a coastal strip around Bordeaux in the south.

British archer in action using longbow with 35-45kg pull

Henry' greatest military asset was the fire power of the archers. They used a powerful longbow, a potent weapon that was used to great effect against the ponderous armies of French knights at the battles of Crecy (1346) and Poitiers (1356). Stringent laws compelled all males under a certain rank to practise with the bow every Sunday and holiday. This obligation lay on them from childhood till the age of sixty. The supply of bows and archery tackle was also regulated by law in order that everything used should be the best. Yew was the most favoured wood and was grown in most churchyards and still is; they needed a guaranteed supply of bow staves. The best staves came from Spain and merchants trading overseas were obliged to import four bow staves with every ton of merchandise or six with each butt of Malmsey wine. In order to encourage them to get the best available, no duty was charged on those 6ft 6 inches long. The British archers were the best in the world. It was no uncommon feat for them to split a willow wand at 200 yards distance or to drive an arrow through an inch board of seasoned hardwood at that distance, while any man who was not absolutely certain of hitting his opponents at that distance was accounted as no good at all! England and Wales were a "nation at arms", every man able and trained to defend his Country and his King. In the previous victories the French soldiers of no account that were not worth ransoming were released and given 100 yards start and then



Longbow with special purpose arrows; arrow at top has smaller head for penetrating knights' armour

used for practice by the archers, any that broke away were not chased, but we believe they were a rarity.

The French assumed that Henry would land at the English base at Calais. Instead he caught them on the wrong foot and landed on the north shore of the Seine estuary. Henry's first objective was to capture the walled city of Harfleur, but he had not bargained for the spirited resistance put up by Harfleur's garrison. The siege began on the 18th of August and ended on the 22nd of September. Henry's troops were riddled with dysentery, 2,000 of them dead or unfit for further service. He had to earmark 1,000 for the security of the garrison, which left him barely 6,000 men to continue the campaign.

Henry, however was determined to take the field and trail his coat through Normandy, from Harfleur to Calais, tempting the French to battle. The march to Calais began on the 6th of October. By the 13th of October they were over half way to Calais, with only one major river crossing in front of them at the Somme. However, near the ford of Blanchetaque, Henry received some news of 6,000 Frenchmen waiting for him.

THE LONG MARCH

Henry was still determined to cross the Somme and continue his march to Calais. He set off up the Somme valley, (this land has been well fought for, veterans of World War I would be very familiar with these names) hoping to find a ford where he could slip his army across, but the French kept pace with him on the opposite bank. At Fouilly on the 18th of October, Henry decided to cut across country instead of following the northerly meander of the Somme between Boves and Bethencourt, a decision that yielded the English their miracle. Near the ford of Bethencourt the English army struggled across to the north bank, just a mere hour before the French advance guard arrived on the scene.

The Somme was behind the English now. As they resumed their march towards Calais, Henry's scouts reported a huge build up of the French host clearly marching ahead of them and slightly to the east. Henry's soaked army pushed the wagons loaded with arrows through the mud of Flanders, it hadn't stopped raining since they left Harfleur a fortnight past. Throughout the 22nd and 23rd the armies steadily

converged. The flower of the French chivalry, faced a tired, half-starved, soaked, shattered, but not demoralised army. The French had only one aim - to bring the English to battle and destroy them. Heralds were sent to King Henry to inform him of this and inquire his route. Henry replied without anger or fear "Straight to Calais".

Charles d'Albert, the commander of the French forces had pulled off a copybook piece of interception and he had no intention of spoiling it by rushing into a premature engagement. Throughout the 24th, the English scouts watched the dense French columns streaming onwards, curling west, round the wood of Tramecourt to lie massively across the English road to Calais by nightfall.

STIRRING SPEECH

The King remained calm, committed himself and his army to God and deployed his men on a ridge facing the enemy. On hearing a knight, Sir Walter Hungerford, expressing a longing for 10,000 more archers, Henry rebuked him - "For those whom I have are the people of God, whom He thinks me worthy to have at this time. Dost thou not believe that the Almighty, with these humble few, is able to conquer the haughty opposition of the French?". William Shakespeare gave this speech immortality with:

" O that we now had here
but one ten thousand of those men in England
that do not work today.
Henry: If we are marked to die, we are enough
to do our Country loss: and if to live,
the fewer men, the greater share of honour."

Thus Henry and "the few" camped for the night at the village of Maisoncelles, near a place called Agincourt.

They maintained strict discipline and utter silence and the French revelled, drank wine and diced for the captives they would take on the morrow.

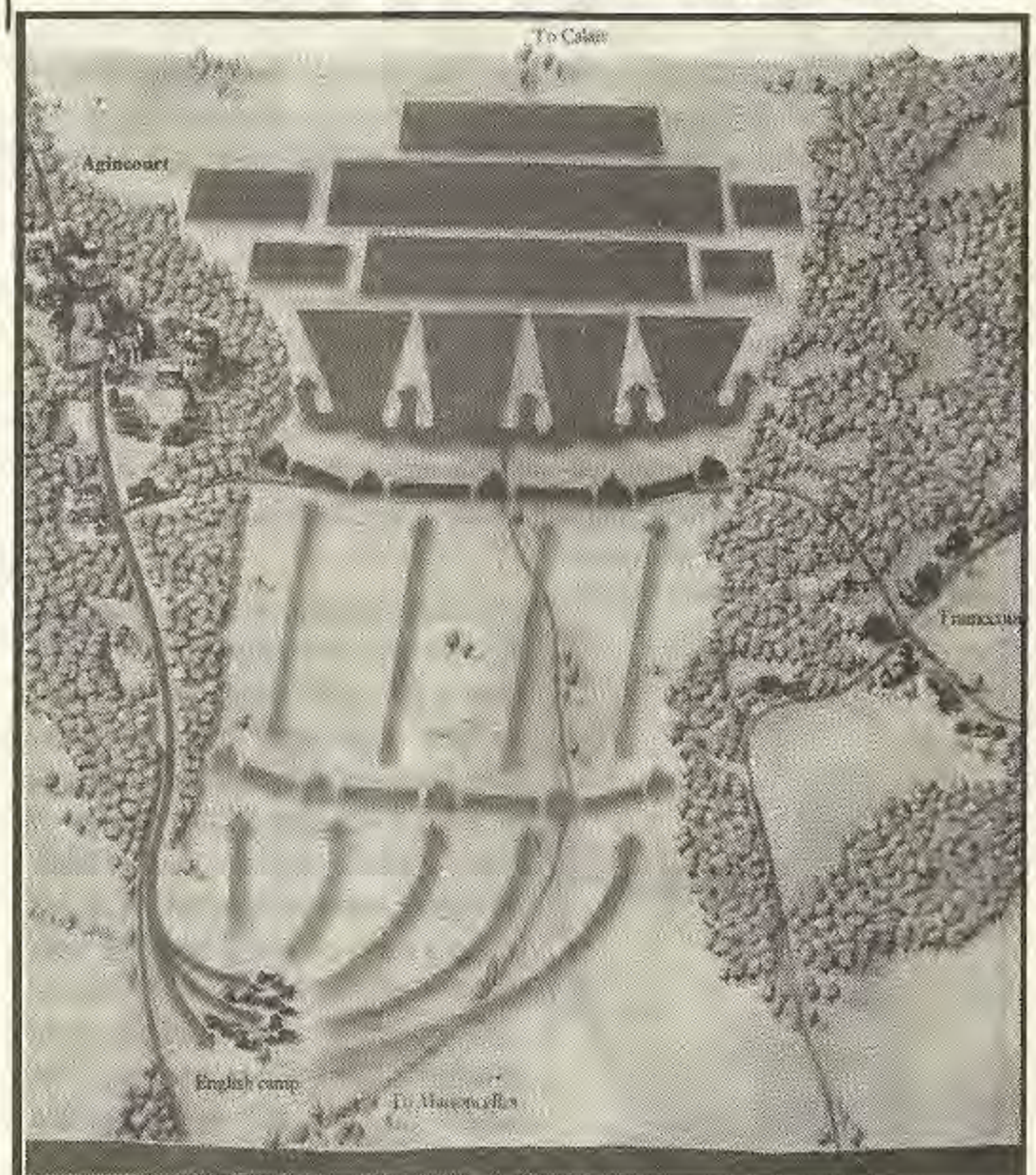
The English victory at Crecy was gained against great odds upon the defensive. Poitiers was a counter-stroke. Agincourt ranks as the most heroic of all the land battles England has ever fought. It was a vehement assault!

Daylight on the 25th of October showed the French barely half a mile away, drawn up in three lines, and in invincible numbers. Their strength was considerable, around 25,000 to the English 5,700. The French, with justifiable confidence, waited for the attack from less than a quarter of their number, who far from home and many marches from the sea must win or die. The position as the English viewed it, however, offered a certain amount of hope. Ploughland speckled with recently sown corn led towards the French through a narrowing hour-glass of open ground between two woods, which seemed certain to prevent the French from outflanking the English army. This levelled the odds considerably, for the English army could fill the neck of the hour glass comfortably.

There was another advantage for the English. As an army of foot soldiers they didn't have to worry about firm ground for their horses. The French did, or should have. It had been raining heavily for the last fortnight and the armies were facing each other across soggy ploughland. It was the worst possible terrain over which to charge a horse. Therefore, Henry's main aim was to get the French committed to a head-on attack before they had realised their weakness. He deployed his own army between the two woods. Mounted upon a small grey horse, with a richly jewelled crown upon his helmet, wearing the royal surcoat of leopards and lilies, the King drew up his army. The archers were disposed in six wedge-shaped formations each supported by a body of men-at arms, a "herce" formation, which permitted the maximum number of arrows to be aimed at any given spot. Each archer planted a sharpened stake in the ground before him, presenting a bristling palisade to the enemy. When Henry saw that the French were not going to charge him, he was enraged. He dismounted and sent all the horses to the rear, and shortly after eleven o'clock on St. Crispins Day he gave the order to his lords. The archers kissed the soil and yelled "Hurrah! Hurrah! Saint George and Merrie England!" They uprooted their stakes and stood ready to move forward. The King himself gave the command, "Banners advance! In the name of Jesus, Mary and St. George". The line rolled forward, down a slight slope, with the French on the ridge above them. The English line advanced up the incline to within 300 yards of the heavy masses of French packed in the first line. The stakes were planted again and the archers drew their first shafts and loosed their arrows. Magnificent stuff!

STORM OF ARROWS

As a trained archer could loose at least six arrows a minute and assuming that 4,000 archers let fly simultaneously, this meant that the knights and dismounted men-at-arms of the French first line suffered a rain of as many as 24,000 arrows in the first minute. The start of the arrow storm. The French troops reacted with blind and uncoordinated rage and charged forward, still at thirty men deep, they felt sure of breaking the line. But once again the long-bow destroyed all



Plan of the battlegrounds of Agincourt

before it. The first Frenchmen to assault the line at least had the benefit of advancing over comparatively solid ground. As soon as the knights started to move, they created a deepening quagmire. Horse and foot alike went down; a long heap of armoured dead and wounded lay upon the ground, over which the reinforcements struggled bravely but in vain. Forced to ride across the line of advance of their own men-at-arms by the constricting woods, the knights were easy targets for the simple reason that a man on horseback is so much easier to hit than a man on foot. It was sufficient merely to wound the French charges, a hideously easy task with longbow volleys at 100 yards or less.

SLAUGHTER IN THE MUD

The Duke of Alencon with his formations of mounted French knights rolled forwards and slid down the hill into the heaps of dead and dying men and horses, a melee of blood, foam, mud, screams, thrashing kicking horses, many of the fallen knights were untouched but unable to get up because of the weight on top of them and drowned in the mud and blood or suffocated if they were not at the bottom of the heap. Some of the French men-at-arms actually reached the English line but were packed so tightly that they could not use their sword arms or swing their maces.

The English archery ceased after the first forty-five minutes. In this grand moment the archers slung their bows, and sword in hand, fell upon the reeling squadrons and disordered masses. They took up knives, billhooks and hammers and clambered over the steadily thickening carpet of prostrate French bodies to pull down more and more. The English had all the time they needed for knifework through helmet slits and armour joints and for stunning blows with their war hammers. English soldiers were seen stark naked and barefooted, plastered in gory slime, out of their minds with battle fury. Others sought out rich looking individuals who might be worth a good ransom.

King Henry V

Henry was faced with a new worry. He had more prisoners then his own combatants, they represented a potential threat because there was no way of keeping them safely disarmed as there were weapons strewn everywhere. The French third line was still intact and covered his entire front and the English were no longer in battle lines ready to cope with another charge. Thousands of prisoners could readily take up arms again, at a moments notice. At this moment a small band of French knights, men-at-arms and camp followers who had wandered round the English rear, broke pillaging into the camp of the English battle train and stole the Kings crown, wardrobe and the Great Seal. The King, believing himself attacked from behind while a superior force still remained unbroken on his front, then issued his most infamous order. All prisoners were to be killed! This order was received with outrage by his men, not because of humanitarian grounds, but because of potential lost fortunes in ransom money.

Then perished the flower of the French nobility, many of whom had yielded themselves easy thinking they would be ransomed. Henry saw to it that the order was obeyed. It was not in fact a necessary recourse. The alarm in the rear was soon relieved, but not before the massacre was almost finished. The third French line quitted the field without attempting to renew the battle

It was all over by late afternoon. The way to Calais was open for him, he had decisively broken in open battle at odds of more than four to one, the armed chivalry of France. In two or at most three hours, he had trodden underfoot at once the corpses of the slain and the will-power of the French monarchy. Henry was with his commanders when Montjoye, the French Herald, arrived to make formal acknowledgment of France's defeat. The French lost seven to ten thousand men, although some aristocratic prisoners were lucky enough to escape Henry's order of execution. The English dead numbered no more than five hundred, among them was Henry's uncle the Duke of York. He was found dead but unwounded. It is believed he died of a heart attack and who could blame him?

After asking the name of the neighbouring castle and ordering that the battle should be called Agincourt after it, Henry made his way to Calais, short of food, but unmolested by the still numerically superior forces in the area.

Within five months of leaving England he returned to London, the victory of Agincourt made him the supreme figure of Europe, his feat of arms however tested, must be held unsurpassed. He rode in triumph through the streets of London with spoils and captives displayed to the delighted people. He himself wore a plain suit and he refused to allow his "bruised helmet and bended sword" to be shown to the admiring crowd, lest they should forget that "In his opinion that the glory was due to God alone".

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

The Battle of Agincourt was one of the most famous and ferocious battles of all time.

King Henry the Fifth was a splendid warrior king who was a master of taking the calculated risk. He possessed exceptional leadership qualities and demanded absolute loyalty and discipline. To support him, his army was a thoroughly professional one, well trained and believing in their own ability, combining with extreme confidence in their weaponry.

After a his triumphant return to England, Henry returned to Normandy and fought a more orthodox campaign. He was successful and was named as the French King's heir after marrying Princess Catherine. However in 1422, he was robbed of everything when he died at the age of thirty-four. Had he lived another three weeks he would have been King of France, for King Charles died almost immediately after him.

Today, Australia is in desperate need of such leadership. Our politicians in particular take soft ineffectual options when forced to make decisions, which in the long run, only aggravates the problems. They are too scared to arm Australia as it might offend our northern neighbours.

I know I would sleep much better at night if I was assured our armed forces were of the same calibre as the longbowmen of Agincourt.

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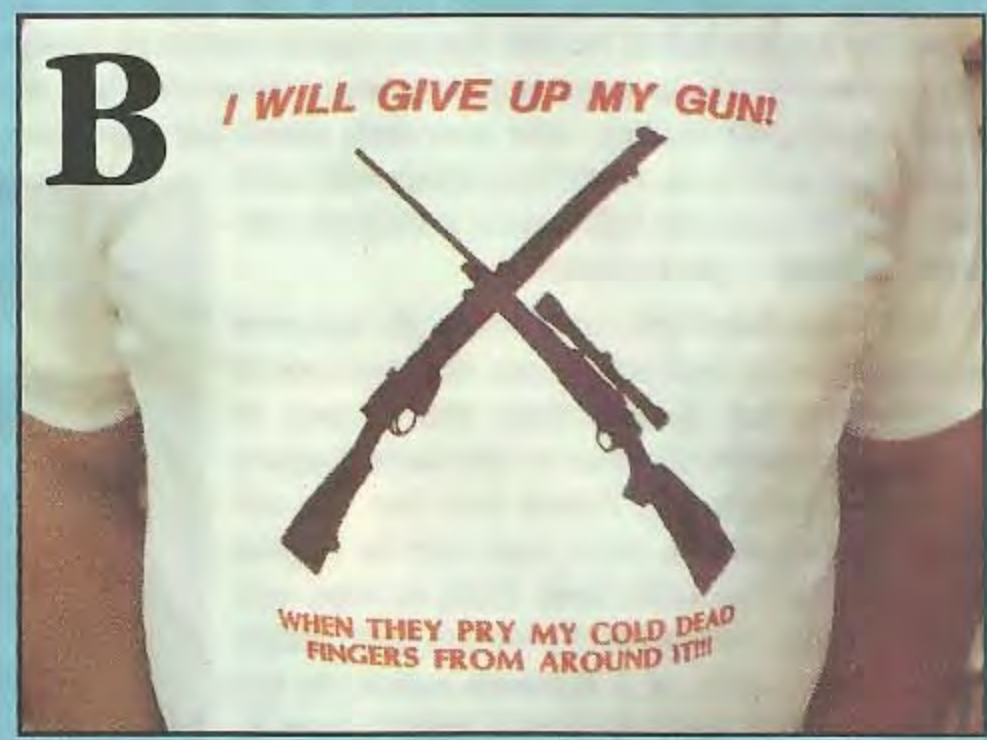

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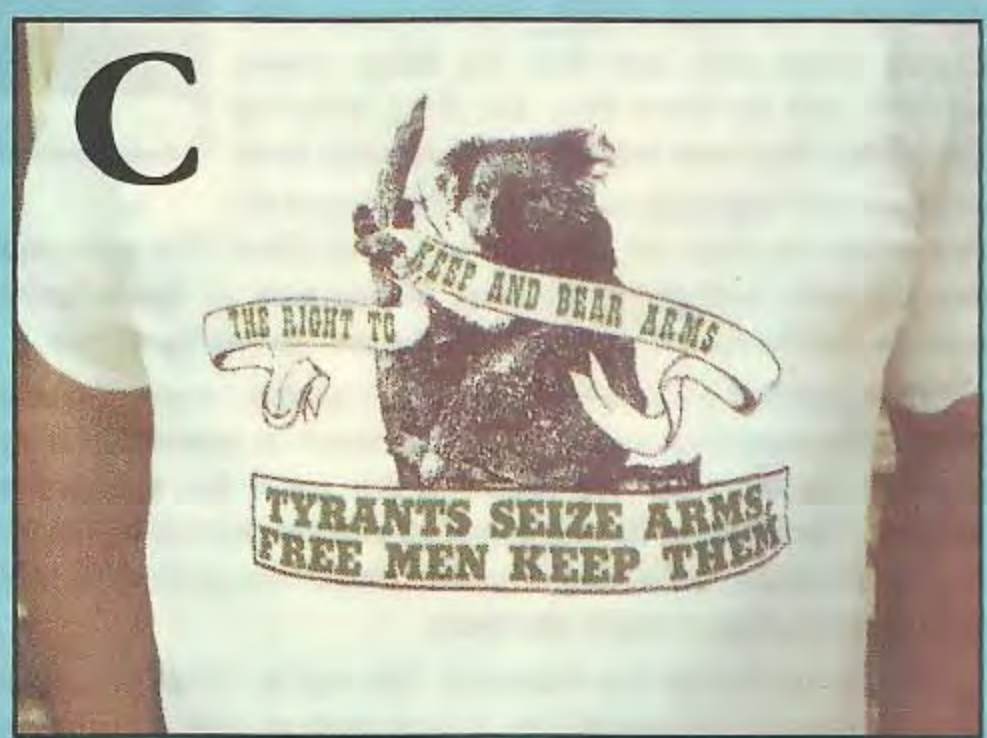

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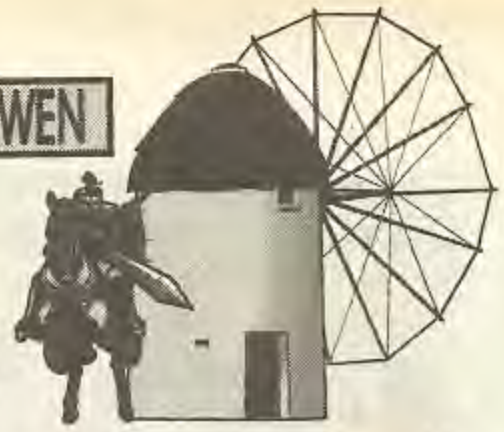

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The dictionaries malign the word quixotic with the implication that the enthusiastic visionary with no regard for materialistic gain is a pursuer of impractical ideals. What an under-sell. To address the peasant woman of easy virtue as the beauteous damsel 'Dulcinea del Toboso' - "Let the whole world stand, if the whole world does not confess that there is not in the whole world a finer lady than the Empress of la Mancha, the peerless Dulcinea del Toboso". To address the landlord of a country inn used as a house of ill-repute as the Lord in his castle and who is then asked to knight Don Quixote de la Mancha. Misfortune does happen to Don Quixote as he practices his idealism, but at the same time the psychological results of his efforts are very powerful and far reaching. To talk to Aldonza the whore, saying, "The reason for the unreason with which you treat my reason, so weakens my reason that with reason I complain of your beauty", is very powerful, it makes Aldonza start smartening herself up even as she denies and revokes the silly old man. The germ of an idea is set in her head, "Maybe she is not so bad at all, maybe she could change and be a good girl." The innkeeper is affected too, he tries to tidy the hovel up a bit even though he is exasperated by the silly old man in the tin suit.

Winning Isn't Everything

Don Quixote loses in nearly all of his battles, but because he is right and what he is fighting is wrong, his victory is in the mind of his opponents as they deflect his valiant attacks like water off a ducks back. They begin to admire his determination and then understand his lofty ideals. 'Loses nearly all his battles', is probably incorrect as in the real sense of the word, his loss is really a victory. He gives inspiration and hope to people who fear that all is lost. He makes them see the good that is within themselves and his fearless self-sacrifice shows them the example to follow, maybe only a little at first, but when they get a taste of fighting back, they start to enjoy it. To keep tilting at those windmills might seem mad, but it is the idea of confronting the evil system on a regular basis that makes the wrong-doers feel that they are really good people and that they should not be perpetuating the injustice. This is the final victory.

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

Almost Autobiographical

Don Quixote was a figment of the imagination of Miguel de Cervantes. His book 'Don Quixote' is second to The Bible as the world's most translated book. He is considered the world's first novelist and was also the inventor of the psychological short story. He was a dualist, a soldier, a writer, a slave and a prisoner of the Spanish Inquisition. He had seen everything and was the noblest character in the history of his country.

Baptised on October 9th 1547 he was from a poor but esteemed family. His father went to jail for debt and Miguel missed out on any opportunity to go to university, but he had a passion for reading. He would pick up scraps of paper in the street and read them, this is how he educated himself. In 1568 he wrote an elegy on the death of King Phillipe's wife which brought him to the attention of the royal family.

Some Unwelcome Attention

On September 15th, 1569, a warrant was issued for the arrest of one Miguel de Cervantes, missing from the capital, against whom sentence had been pronounced of the loss of his right hand and ten years' exile "for wounds inflicted on Antonio de Siguara in Madrid". Cervantes was next heard of in Italy, as fighting duels was frowned upon in Spain. He worked for a Cardinal and had to write home to his father for a reference saying that he was from untainted good Christian stock and supplying three witnesses. This was dated December 22nd 1569. Nothing much more is known of his stay in Rome. The Spanish were being challenged in the Mediterranean by the Turks, and being allied with Venice, Spain built up its naval power. Cervantes enlisted in the Spanish contingent in Rome and was ordered to Naples to await the arrival of the main Spanish fighting force. He waited for over a year but the Armada that met off Messina on September 16th 1571 numbered 208 galleys, 7 galleasses, and 24 sailing vessels - the largest Christian fleet the world had seen - they carried 2600 soldiers.

On October 7th, the enemy was discovered drawn up in battle formation in the Gulf of Lepanto, and there ensued in Cervantes' proud words, " ...the greatest occasion that past or present ages have witnessed or that the future can hope to witness." His ship the *Marquesa* was in the thick of the battle, and none on the *Marquesa* or any other, the testimony is cumulative and compelling, outshone him in bravery. Ill with fever, he refused to go below, and seeking out the most exposed position was twice wounded in the chest, a third shot permanently maiming his left hand, "...to the greater glory," as he says, "of the right".

Of his part in the battle, Cervantes remained prouder throughout his life than of anything else. It was a crucial encounter for the west and was hailed as a mighty victory. Cervantes lay convalescing in a hospital in Messina and was joined by his brother, Rodrigo. Cervantes then joined a top regiment and fought at Tunis against the Turks and then did garrison duty at Palermo. He obtained permission to return to Spain and seek preferment from the King for promotion. Armed with letters of recommendation from his leader Don Juan and the Viceroy of Naples, he set sail from Naples on the 20th September accompanied by his brother in the galley *Sol*. Off the coast of Marseille six days later, the *Sol* was attacked by three Turkish ships and Cervantes and his brother were captured and taken into slavery to Algiers. This nest of pirates drew substantial revenue from the enslaving and holding for ransom of Christians. The letters he carried suggested that he was from a good rich family, worth a high price (little did they know that he was a poor brave idealist).

In consequence a high price was put on him and he was closely guarded, manacled at first and thrown into a dungeon. In 1576 he organised an attempt at escape, but a Moor whom he had engaged to guide him and others to Oran - then in Christian hands - deserted them after some days' march and the fugitives had to return to Algiers where Cervantes was again fettered and treated to additional severity. Early in 1577, priests arrived with 300 crowns sent by his parents. This was rejected for Miguel but sufficed for the ransom of Rodrigo, his younger brother. When his brother sailed for home he had with him a part of Miguel's next daring escape plan. On the coast some three miles from Algiers, a city magistrate had a country house and in the garden was a cave. With the help of the gardener, another captive from Spain, Cervantes gradually smuggled 14 fellow captives and finally himself into the cave and awaited the arrival of the ship that he had organised with the letter that he had sent with his brother. The frigate arrived as planned from Mallorca during the night but it was detected. The alarm was raised, and a fellow Spanish slave took fright and revealed everything to Hasan Pasa, the notoriously cruel Dey (governor). Under threat of torture and death, Cervantes maintained that he alone was responsible. This impressed the Dey, perhaps it was Cervantes' honesty and his faith in ideals, but the Dey bought him for his own service. Cervantes was kept in fetters for five months and when released tried to escape again. This time he smuggled a letter, an appeal for help, to the Governor of Oran in March 1578. The messenger was apprehended on the way and was executed, Cervantes was sentenced to 2000 lashes with a big whip, but once more the Dey favoured him and remitted the sentence and so he survived the ordeal.

Don Quixote with his trusty sidekick Sancho Panza

If At First You Don't Succeed...

We might think that this would have been enough for our hero, he makes Papillon look like just an early starter, but no, Cervantes plotted on, this time in league with two traders from Valencia (where the oranges come from). He organised an attempt to buy an armed frigate with the idea of sailing it away with 60 of his fellow slaves to freedom. The frigate was bought and once again he was betrayed on the threshold of success. He was brought before the Dey with his hands bound and a rope round his neck. As before, he assumed total responsibility - and as before the Dey spared his life. He sentenced him to five more months in chains declaring that "So long as he had the maimed Spaniard in safe keeping, his Christians, ships and city were secure". On September 19th 1580, Hasan Pasa the Dey, was due to sail back to Constantinople, his term of office in Algiers was over. Cervantes was already stowed on the ship and had it left with him, the world's literature would have suffered a great loss. Representatives arrived from home with gold ducats to pay Cervantes' ransom but they did not have the required 500. Cervantes was so popular in the town that the traders put together to raise the balance and secure his release, and he sailed for Spain on 24th of October.

After five years in slavery his letters of introduction to the King had gone stale. He applied to get government appointments but only succeeded in getting a job as a naval quartermaster, requisitioning materials for the Spanish navy before and after the failed Armada to Britain. This paid poverty-line-and- below money and Cervantes made the mistake of requisitioning church property. This brought him to the attention of the Spanish Inquisition. First he was excommunicated and then had three spells in the cells of the Spanish Inquisition. It didn't count much with them that he was a war hero, church property had been tampered with and they had the means at their disposal to obtain the right confession and the means to carry out the sentence.

Cervantes devoted more time to his writing and more than likely the prison spells gave him the time to think. The censorship was heavy in the publishing world and he had to apply for a licence to print Don Quixote in 1604. It appeared in Madrid in 1605 and was immediately successful, but financially it was not great because within a few weeks there was a pirated version out. He wrote two sequels and his finances improved, but when he died in Calle de Leon on April 23rd, he was buried the following day with no headstone and left no will. He had kept on writing until the 19th April and left a most moving leave-taking "...with one foot in the stirrup for the next world," and so died the most noble and chivalrous Spaniard of his age. He himself was the knight of the doleful countenance, Don Quixote de la Mancha - it really was Cervantes who dreamed the impossible dream

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love, pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star!
This is my quest, to follow that star
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far
To fight for the right without question or pause
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause
and I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest
and the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered in scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable stars.

ALAN SKYRING TODAY'S DON QUIXOTE

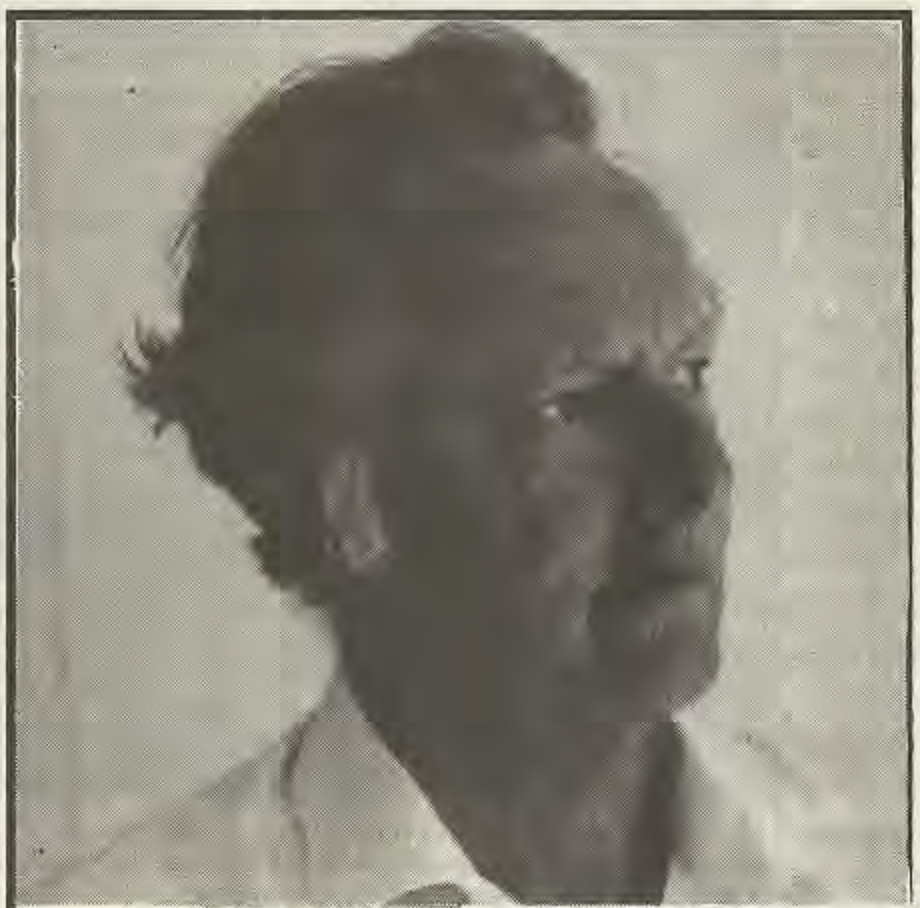
BY RON OWEN

Don Quixote Alan Skyring was born on the 16th of November 1935 at The Grange, Brisbane. He was a fourth generation Australian descended from a free settler Dan Skyring who arrived in Brisbane in 1833. He settled on the "All Hallows" site in Queens Street and appropriately, this sight was once used as the site for the Commonwealth Bank. Dan was a brother to Lieutenant Skyring who served as "Acting in Command" on the H.M.S. Beagle of Darwin fame.

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE

He was educated at Brisbane State High School and then at Brisbane University. He graduated as a Bachelor of Engineering [Mech] in 1958. He then travelled to England and worked for Metropolitan Vickers in Manchester, returning in 1960 to be 'the Site Engineer' for Metropolitan Vickers (name change Assoc. Electrical Ind.) on the Parkes radio-telescope.

When this was completed he was a design engineer for Evans Deakin, and since he left them he has been a freelance engineering consultant. He is a member of the Royal Charter of the Institution of Engineers.



A Good Keen Man, Alan Skyring

IMPOSSIBLE DREAM?

With his career starting in Trafford Park Manchester, which was the birth place of the Industrial Revolution, the social aspects of the area brought to his mind the root causes of the financial problems of today's world. In the late seventies, Alan deduced that the banks' manufacture of credit was the root of most of the troubles in the world. This was confirmed for him when he read other authors on the subject. As a member of the Royal Charter of Engineers, a position he takes very seriously, in the 'objects and purposes' it states;

"To originate and promote improvements in the law".

With this inspiration, he knew that the only reference to the legal requirements as to what constitutes money is in The Constitution sections 51 and 115.

Section 115:-

"a State shall not coin money, nor make anything but gold and silver coin a legal tender in payment of debt".

Section 51 restricts the Parliament by stating:-

"The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to:-

[xii] currency, coinage and legal tender.

and in the next placitum

[xii] banking, other than state banking; also state banking extending beyond the limits of the state concerned, the incorporation of the banks, and the issue of paper money".

Through his studies of the Australian Constitution, this and the U.S Constitution led him to the conclusion that in both countries gold or silver coins, or currency legally convertible to gold, is in fact the only authentic money of our Constitutions and that the paper unconvertible notes are not 'legal tender' and have no legal standing anywhere.

Alan could see that the drafters of The Constitution had the wisdom to learn from history and restrict the Parliament and the banks from debasing the people's currency. He knew that tangible wealth had to be at the people's disposal to stop the removal of the value of it. This was the root cause of poverty in a wealthy country, this was the cause of inflation, credit squeezes, the national debt and the financial enslavement of the public.

RIGHT THE UNRIGHTABLE WRONG

Realising the need to follow the directions from the Royal Charter to seek improvements and wishing to reverse the economic despair that was being imposed on Australia in the economic enslavement of its citizens, he began by making representations to his local Members of Parliament but met with the usual degree of disinterest. He started a communication with the Taxation Office and then with two Attorney-Generals.

In 1978 he took up the problem with the Ombudsman, resulting in "...assurance that he would keep the matter under surveillance" - another 'put off'.

On Christmas Day 1979, he wrote a letter to Senator Durack, querying implications of currency legitimacy with regard to Section 115 of the Constitution and notice given foreshadowing legal action to be taken through the Taxation Commissioner.

On 14th February 1980 he objected to his tax assessment. All negotiations were negative. A Mr. Eric Robinson wrote through the Taxation Office to Alan Skyring's accountant saying "Is this action genuine or a red herring?" On 15th February 1982 he went to a Board of Review and they stated that where the fundamental issues are put, that "...matters of National importance are beyond its competence".

In just one of his cases, he caused a cheque which was owed to him to be payable at the ANZ Bank, but when they refused to pay him in legal tender, he refused the paper substitute and took them through the Supreme Court to the High Court and of course, lost.

UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION

A few years ago he stood for Parliament and paid his nomination deposit with gold coins, which for the two hundred and fifty dollars required in legal tender under the electoral act, it cost him many thousands of paper dollars to acquire the real ones. The electoral commission accepted his gold at the face value and gave him a receipt and when the election was over he claimed victory as the other candidates had not paid in legal tender per the Electoral Act. Some had even paid by cheque. The Electoral Commission would not even give him the details of how the other candidates paid. Of course Alan took them to the Court of Disputed Returns, which is the High Court in disguise - they gave him a preliminary hearing and put it down to be heard but but Alan hasn't heard from them since June 1990. Maybe they don't really want to hear from him. Alan Skyring has worked ceaselessly to try and make the courts uphold the Constitution and bring public attention to the fraud that is being committed on them by the Treasury and the banks. He has put himself 'on the line' to face the relentless attacks of the establishment and pursued them into every corner.

This was inscribed on early notes::"The Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia promises to pay the bearer one pound in gold coin on demand at the Heaf Office of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia"

FACING THE JUDICIARY

Fifty two times Alan has gone to court to plead his case against the Taxation Department - 3 Magistrates Court; 2 District Court; 10 Supreme Court; 2 Court of Appeal; 17 Federal Court; 9 Full Federal Court and 9 High Court. Fifty one times he has gone to court against various corporate bodies such as theANZ Bank, Telecom. SEQEB, BCC and the DSS - 18 minor court and hearings; 2 District Court; 10 Supreme Court; 1 Court of Appeal; 1 Federal Court; 13 Full Federal Court and 6 High Court. How can we mere mortals attempt to beat a record of devotion to the cause like that?

In his many court appearances, can you imagine the nervous tension, the bitter disappointments that the "Justice" system dishes out and to keep believing that there will be one judge somewhere that will recognise and remember what truth is, or that he will find a judge that will remember what his oath of office is all about. Sometimes he must have thought that he had the silver bullet and that this would prove to the Court that they had no option but to see the light and find in his favour.

At what cost to his family and financial security, the hours of preparing legal paperwork is only appreciated by others that have to follow the *magic formula.* Alan has done this for his Country and his fellow Australian countrymen. Alan is aware that when he goes to Court, which costs him filing fees and many hours on the computer preparing the paperwork, and then costs him time in lost work... as he waits for the inevitable verdict that he is right... what he is saying is right... the Constitution which he shows to the judges is right... and every time a judge or a full court of a group of judges find against him - that **he** really wins and they lose. He is like a drip of water on rock - every time they find against him they know that it is themselves that lose... **they lose credibility!**

They know that all this misjustice is always on record, it's a mark against their names for hundreds of years. He goes to them with the truth and they smash him down. He appeals to the law of the land to protect him but suffers further abuse. He is an inspiration to us all, and the judges know that when he gets a lot of friends to test the laws, they then have to break their own law every day to try and control the crack in the dam wall, the crack that will turn into a chasm that will swallow them up and wash them away. These judges fear honesty. They are so scared of Alan Skyring it is a white fear that gets them in the darkest night, a fear that grabs at their stomachs in their quietest moments. They know that it will only take one of their brother judges to give way to that fear once and break ranks, then all their fraudulent judgements will come back to haunt them with a vengeance, a vengeance that is wrought from the suppressed and the abused public who will be screaming for retribution. Alan has been the sacrificial lamb for twenty years - he needs us to stand with him and proudly emulate his success.

Like Don Quixote we must dream the impossible dream, fight the unbeatable foe, to right the unrightable wrong, to run where the brave dare not go. That one man, scorned and covered in scars, still strove with his last ounce of courage, to reach the unreachable stars. If I have the chance to talk to my grandchildren, I want to say "Have you heard of Alan Skyring? He was the bravest man I ever met, I met him once and shook his hand. I knew Alan Skyring."

GUNS NUTS & SPRINGS EVERYWHERE

BY WILLIAM BONNEY

The Sambo 410

As I sat on my porch and watch the first of the November rain (Belinda Carlysle's Summer Rain)), I awoke to what season we are in.

Not just is it the season for hot days and stormy nights but there in my part of the world it's time for things like Joe Blakes (snakes), bringing me to the subject of this article, snake charmers.

The Sambo 410 Snake Charmer

We're A Protected Species Too

Don't put the magazine down in disgust at me thinking snakes are protected; around my way we get bad ones such as Taipans, Australia's deadliest killer, even bigger than the yellow streak running down my back (THAT big!) I believe that the longevity of one's loved ones and one's self are far more important than Joe's.

I have an extra big yellow streak so I don't like to be under gunned. Most people have some restrictions and are limited to just a few methods of smiting these fellows a mighty smote:

#1 A shovel (I don't think so, Tim).

#2 A .22 rimfire rifle (with a *very* good shot?)

#3 The good old 410 shotgun (hard rain!)

The Sambo 410 shotgun was conceived as an affordable farm gun built to handle most of the tasks asked of in day to day farm life, like the odd - very odd - Joe Blake, a little bunny gunning and occasionally putting down a beast for whatever reason.

The Sambo is a bolt action, magazine feed, adjustable sighted 410 calibre shotgun. It started out life as a Mosin Nagant carbine, but with just a little barrel boring, a lot of magazine modification, a little TLC and a new stock you have Sambo the Snake Charmer.

The magazine is modified to suit the 3" 410 cartridge, so to shoot the 2 1/2" round you have to handrolically load them straight into the chamber. Normally, however, the only use for the shorter rounds is for shooting solids (handy for putting down livestock) or training a novice shooter with user-friendly recoil traits.

The 3" round is adequate for bunnies if you aren't too far away and are just what the Doctor ordered for Joes. Being a bolt action repeater you can take a quick follow up shot if needed. You may think that sights on a shotgun are uncalled for, but I believe that you should sacrifice nothing over accuracy (namely water tanks or fuel drums while using solids)

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What little recoil produced by the 410 is dissipated by the synthetic stock and recoil pad. Even though a right-handed bolt action, it handles well for the left wingers; safety is bolt-mounted and the floorplate release is set in the middle directly below the floorplate. The straight bolt handle also makes for easy access from the top.

The Rules of Engagement

A point that confused me for some time was the calibre and gauge of rifles and shotgun. This calibre is .410 of an inch, sharing its form of measurement with most rifle cartridges, while all other shotguns are measured in gauges. The smaller the number of the gauge the bigger the bore, ie it takes twelve lead balls the same diameter as a 12 gauge shotgun to make one pound. Using these criteria the 410 is actually a 36 gauge. Hopefully this has made it all clearer and not confused you even more.

Your brother in Arms,

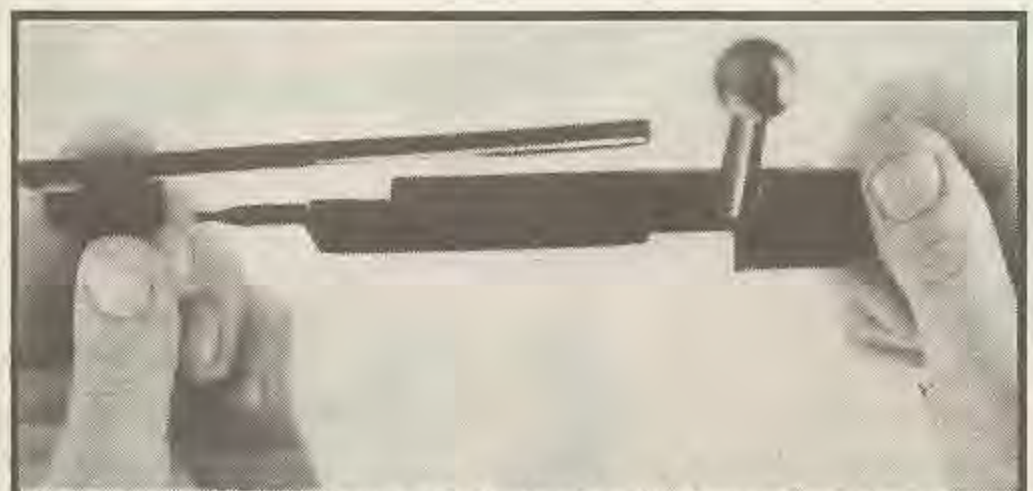
William Bonney

Stripping instructions for the Sambo is the same as a Mosin Nagant or Stockman rifle (pictured).

1. Open bolt and check that rifle is unloaded; both magazine and chamber are empty.

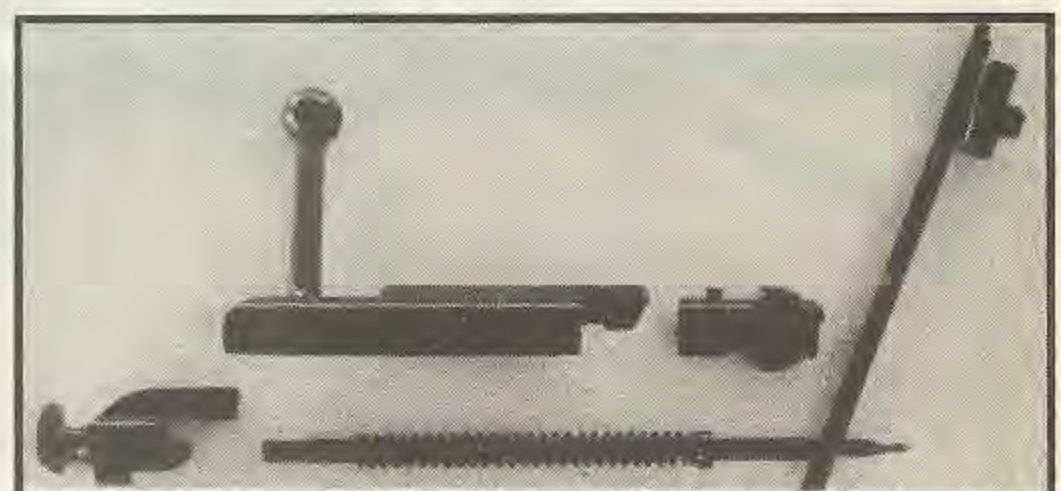
2. Pull trigger and slide bolt out of action to the rear

3. Holding bolt in left hand, handle down, turn cocking piece clockwise and pull bolt head to the front.



4. Turn cocking piece anticlockwise 45 degrees and remove bolt guide forwards.

5. Use v-notch in guide to unscrew firing pin.



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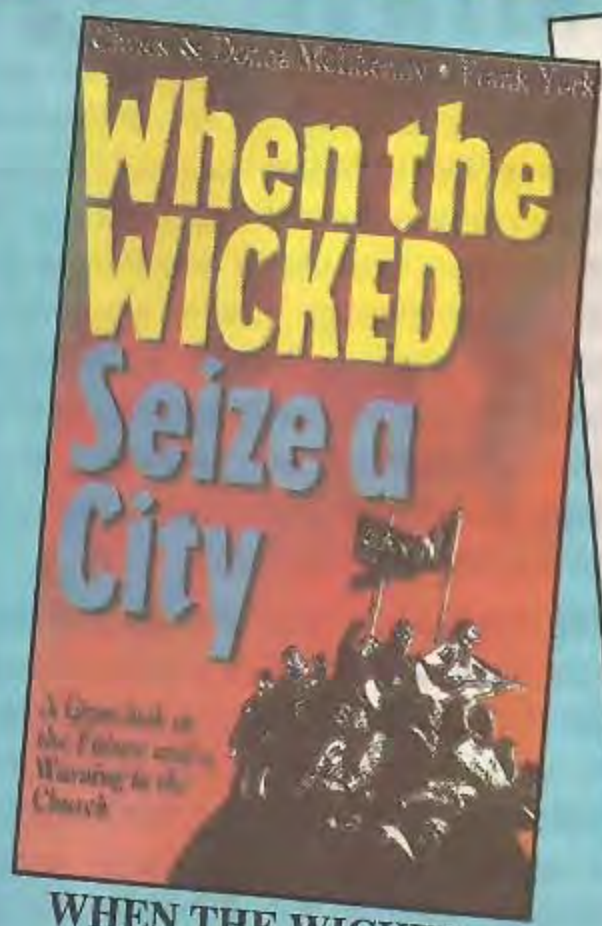

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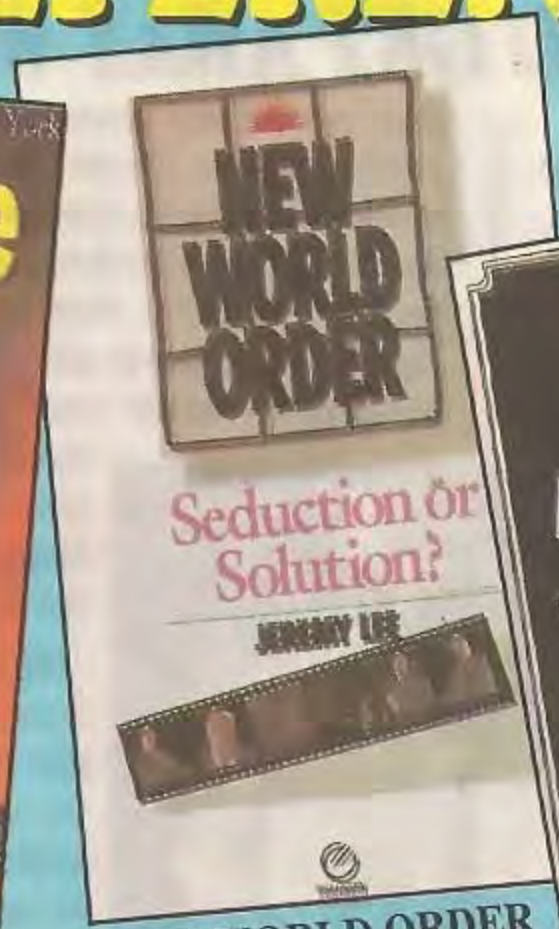

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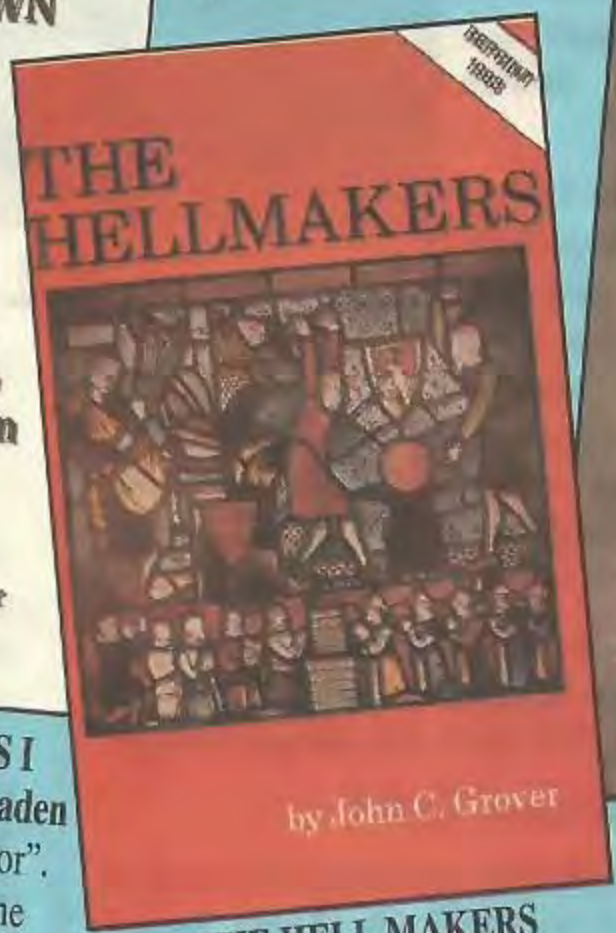

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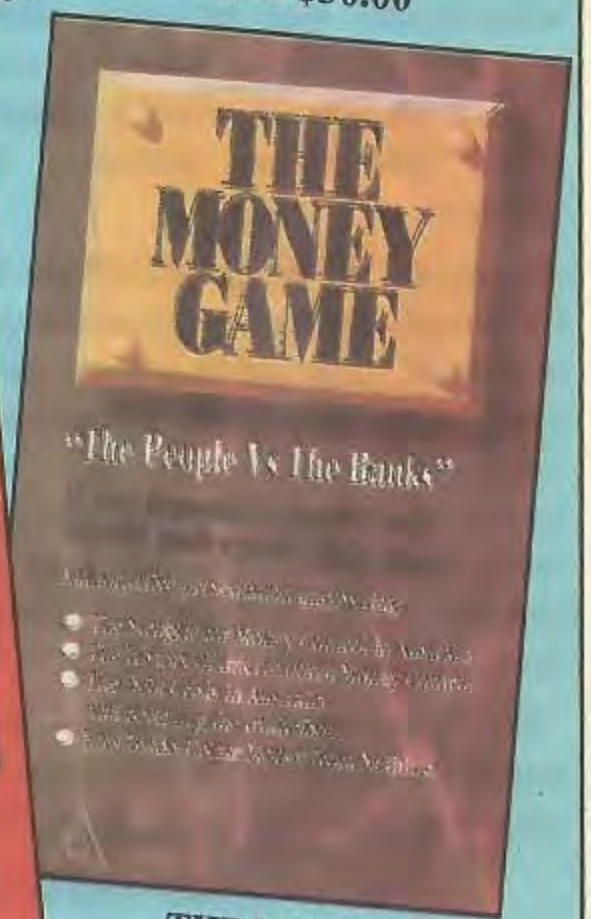

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During the period from 1971, being the year of our marriage and the commencement of our family partnership through to 1985, our business had a remarkable growth rate of between 15% - 50% on capital per year. Our principle activities were broad acre cropping, livestock, rural property development, transport operators, grain traders and earthmovers. Over our 22 years in business we have owned and developed seven rural properties from southern and central New South Wales to the east central coast of Queensland. One of our more notable achievements was producing what was arguably, up until that time at least, the biggest tonnage of wheat produced in a single year by an individual private producer.

George and Stephanie Muirhead in happier times

During the following decade from 1984 to the present, the fortunes of ourselves along with rural industries in general, including many associated small businesses, have suffered a devastating decline in profitability. This is illustrated by the rise in rural debt from $4 billion to currently $17.5 billion, while incomes in real terms have halved, which means the capacity to pay back the debt has been reduced by a factor of around 10:1.

The factors contributing to this decline in profitability I believe would include: a) 15% associated with commodity prices; b) 15% associated with cost increases; c) 70% bank interest and charges.

LEGITIMATE THIEVERY

The tremendous influence the banks have played in this decline led me to a dedicated study of the workings of the finance industry. The corrupt nature of the industry was made blatantly apparent by the reading of a small book entitled "Bankers & Bastards", wherein the authors Paul McLean and James Renton outlined the methods used to strip people of their assets. In brief, their methods were outlined to the Senate Inquiry by the aforementioned authors. They include; the banks being armed with the foreknowledge that the Australian dollar was about to drop imminently against a basket of foreign currencies. This information was made available to the banks via their connections with international money and security dealers. This fact was made obvious in the Martin Banking Enquiry, as the subpoenaed memos between the executives indicated they were rubbing their hands together at the thought of this opportunity to asset strip. The banks then offered their managers benefits to solicit asset rich high equity people to take up these foreign loans to expand their businesses. Farmers were particularly vulnerable as theirs is a capital intensive industry and with the "get big or get out" catchcry promoted by the banks to achieve economy of scale, the farmers became easy prey.

The mechanisms used to fund their loans were nothing more than simulated loans, that is to say the banks took possession of the customer's security and generated a credit entry against it. They then purported to convert it to a nominated foreign currency, relating the movement of that currency to the operation of the account - the currency rate differential and interest charges representing the profit or loss. If the dollar dropped against these currencies, as their previously mentioned foreknowledge indicated was inevitable, it forced the customer into default. The banks would pursue the customers for the shortfall of the currency differential, which in some cases was more than 2:1, having occurred in less than six months for some, representing a total wipe out of equity. This whole racket perpetrated by the banks enabled them to pick up the customer's assets, destroy their businesses and their lives. The cost to the banks being no more than a credit entry on a computer - the whole thing was a sham.

NO QUESTIONS ALLOWED

Mr. James Renton and others told me that the banks were using similar sham arrangements to asset strip people with onshore loans, in particular bank bills. I was sceptical, but using bills myself I decided to take their advice. This advice suggested that, as it was a three party contract (namely the investor, the bank as broker and ourselves being the borrower) we, being party to the bills, were entitled to a copy of the bills and associated answers to certain questions. The most obvious being, 'Who was the investor on my bills?"

We subsequently asked the bank for a copy of our bills. This was agreed to by way of our manager faxing copies of all our bills to us. These bills had been held unsigned (or accepted) by the bank at the local Rockhampton branch. This was during the active life of the bills and nearing rollover maturity, indicating the bills had never gone into the market and were obviously off balance sheet. This confirmed the sham nature of the bills as indicated by barrister James Renton as the Bills of Exchange Act requires

the bank to either accept or endorse all bills before discount. The bank had not fulfilled any of the above requirements, indicating that the primary objective was to avoid the Capital Adequacy Requirements and to boost profits at all costs with no regard to the well being of the customer or overall economic effect on the country due to the scale of the operation. This kind of lending is truly a case of lending in anticipation of failure, so as to quickly convert the paper credit entry into real assets. Effectively this system allows the bank to make super profits by taking over a customer's assets at no cost to themselves. Banks have not diminished their deposits or taken on a direct or contingent liability to pay anyone, yet if the customer defaults they can seize the security offered. In other words, customers' assets in exchange for thin air. The speed with which they take over the customer's assets is determined by the interest rates applied.

We then asked the bank to tell us who the investors were on our bills. The response was, "It is not your business where we get our money from." We proceeded to communicate over some months with the purpose of finding out the answer. A number of these communications were forwarded to the Martin Enquiry, then the Federal Treasurer, John Dawkins, and the Reserve Bank of Australia's Bernie Fraser.

The point we continued to make in all of these communications was not in any way to avoid our legal and moral obligations to pay our debts but rather to ascertain what those legal and moral obligations were. The bank continued to refuse our requests and we had put them on notice of the fraud and indicated we would refuse to continue to pay further interest or charges until they provided us with the answers sought. Their response was to issue us with a Notice of Demand which arrived on Tuesday 30th March 1993. The bank appointed receiver Mr. Ernest Harris of Coopers and Lybrand, who arrived out on the property on Monday the 5th of April, saying he had been appointed as receiver and manager by the Commonwealth Bank.

TAKEOVER

I protested that due process of law had not been done and that I was in no way relinquishing my right and told him to leave. He protested and I indicated I would physically escort him from the property if he would not leave, he subsequently did so. Prior to his departure he handed me a Notice of Motion to appear in court on the coming Thursday 8th April prior to Good Friday.

My wife Stephanie had gone to town the same morning as Mr. Harris arrived at *Kierawonga*. She had discovered he had gone around Rockhampton and withdrawn money from our accounts including Metway, ANZ and joint accounts with our children - also the family trust.

This effectively left us with barely any ability to fight a case for removal of all our assets and life's work. We could not obtain legal representation during the short period leading up to our first case as we had virtually no resources to pay for legal council. We had to attempt to get our case together in a very limited time and go 900 kms to Brisbane.

We were brought before Justice Byrne on the 8th April. During the two and one half hour hearing the judge agreed there was a case to answer and that he could not give the properties to the Bank nor give Mr. Harris control. The council for the Bank, Mr. Fraser Q.C., agreed with obvious reluctance that there was a case to answer. The judge agreed we would have an opportunity to raise all of the issues in the trial. The only concession the judge gave the receivers was to have the right between certain hours to come and inspect the books and records.

At the conclusion of the case the bailiff congratulated us on our win. He said he had been there for 35 years and it was the first time he had seen anything like it. We were a bit shell shocked but felt we now had time to prepare our case in detail. Also present at the hearing were Denis Collins, MLA from the Northern Territory, Colin and Christopher Uebergang and Lance Shaw. These witnesses, with the exception of Lance Shaw, subsequently gave affidavits of their recollection of certain events at the hearing.

Meanwhile, whilst in Brisbane we sought to get our case together for the trial and thought we had plenty of time to get our defence ready. To our dismay they brought us back to court again on the 23rd of April, this time before Justice McKenzie. We have since realised that he was the judge the bank hoped to have us before at the first hearing (on the 8th), but because of the court time allocations it did not work out as they planned.

Isn't it strange that these carrion wear symbolic sheep's head dress and the Fabian Society's emblem is a wolf in sheep's clothing?

SECOND BITE OF THE CHERRY

Not expecting them to come at us again on the same issues in light of the second bite at the cherry principle on law, we were totally unprepared, neither did we have a copy of the transcripts to confirm what we had obtained in the first hearing. We were absolutely amazed and shocked when Mr. Fraser QC for the bank lied outright and denied we had won anything in the first hearing. The judge seemed very ready to believe Fraser and glossed over our presentation with little apparent regard.

It was obvious from the outset that McKenzie was not impartial towards us, even preventing me from speaking. As my wife was more familiar with the written detail she was given the task of representing our case. This she did very ably but to no avail as he was quite unprepared to look at the facts and even prevented Mr. Tony Rigg from presenting similar fact evidence as a witness called by us.

We felt it was a foregone conclusion, although he reserved his decision to the following Wednesday 28th April. Pre-empting a negative result we decided to get copies of our transcripts from the first hearing and appeal McKenzie's judgment pending the outcome of an appeal.

In the interim period between the case of the 23rd and the handing down of the judgment we got part of a copy of our transcripts (the rest came several weeks later). We were further amazed at the fact that they did not show any of the sections which verified we had

established a triable issue in the first case before Justice Byrne.

LOCK, STOCK & BARREL

The judgment was handed down which resulted in a total lock, stock and barrel delivery to the bank of all of our assets including the **family trust.** The receivers' agents, including numerous security people who had been patrolling the properties awaiting the outcome of the judgment, took possession the moment the judgment was handed down. They removed all of my men and prevented our neighbours getting so much as a toothbrush for us. We were left with only the clothes we had taken to Brisbane and a suitcase, up until September 1993. After some months of submissions by ourselves and Denis Collins, MLA to different authorities such as the Attorney General, the receiver released our basic furniture and clothing. This was not without the receivers' men having already used a lot of it when they took over our house. It became very clear to us that "justice", as was agreed by one of the judges presiding over one of our hearings, "is relative to the size of your cheque book."

How can you have confidence in a judiciary who denied the right to a jury trial and ignored the basis of our law, without responding to questions as to the authority given to override Magna Carta. (One judge has in actions since cited the Supreme Court Rules of 1867 as giving him the authority to override Magna Carta.) If anyone is so bold as to think they can change or do away with these inalienable rights guaranteed to all subjects of the Monarch, there is nothing to protect the nation against another Hitler. The Magna Carta provided the "checks and balances" preventing some regime detrimental to the good of the people ever being able to override their fundamental inalienable rights. The argument using Halsbury's Laws (principle that if two statutes are in conflict the latter overrides the former) to state that subsequent laws override Magna Carta cannot apply to this essential law which became common law, when in 1297 the Statute of Confirmation was enacted.

U.N. SAYS SECESSION LEGAL

In all events this is irrelevant as the Magna Carta was reaffirmed in 1984, as applicable to Queensland, and therefore the latter in time overrides the former, making the argument nonsense. That prompted our secession, as the provisions are in the State and Federal Constitutions as well as the United Nations Human Rights Declaration, if a tyrannical State deprived you of your constitutional rights. According to Sir Henry Jennings, it was actually lawful to rebel against a recalcitrant king since, if the system was corrupted, that was the "only recourse a just man had to ensure justice for himself, his family and his countrymen." It was in fact a lawful responsibility, otherwise the injustices would be repeated and go unchecked.

In the words of Sir William Blackstone, referring to the essence of the rights given in the Magna Carta, to life, liberty and property:

"....there is no other known method of compulsion or of abridging a man's natural free will, but by the infringement or diminution of one or the other of these important rights".

We had a lawyer draw up our succession documents and decided to enlist some supporters and take back what was rightfully ours. The Queen, Governor Generals, State and Federal, and United Nations were all informed.

We subsequently took possession peacefully and removed all of the receiver's people. The World's media descended on us, but failed to present to the public the real issues of the corruption in the banks and the Judiciary, preferring to concentrate on the bizarre and avoid the real issues.

The support we received was tremendous - three phones ran hot for ten days at least, until interfered with. Unfortunately the establishment via the media had to prevent the groundswell of public support that was building by preferring to paint us as lawless rebels, concentrating on bizarre and inaccurate stories as is always the case when anyone questions the banking system. In fact, what we were doing was stating we were seceding back to the law as written and protesting against the corrupted law as is practised in many cases today. A summons was brought to the property by a process server or receivers' agent (I am not sure as I was not there at the time). But, as we no longer recognised the current corrupt Supreme Court of Queensland, we did not respond. Judgment was made in our absence which put us in contempt of court.

Electricity Board workers were met at the border of the Principality of Marlborough by the media contingent and Prime Minister Bryant. Note the method of service of summons (under rock on road).

GO TO JAIL, DO NOT PASS 'GO', DO NOT COLLECT $200

The police, acting on the contempt charge, stormed on to the property and arrested us, threatening the supporters with arrest if they did not leave. They dragged my wife and I, without our resistance, into separate police cars and took us to Rockhampton watch house. There they handcuffed me and flew us under guard in a specially chartered aircraft to Brisbane and put us in the city watch house. I was left there for three days without changes of clothes while my wife was transferred to the Women's Prison.

We were later taken before Justice Thomas for the purpose of repenting of our wrongs but we responded that we did not commit contempt of court as we were denied a jury trial and hence due process. He subsequently released us on a six month suspended sentence, provided that we would not go back to the property. It was obvious from his comments that we had been pre-judged by him from media reports and those of the bank solicitors and/or receivers' agents.

Some time after our release I was charged under 408c of the

Criminal Code for dishonestly appropriating to my own use the furniture of another (sitting on the receiver's chair). They pursued this for some time during our period of greatest stress. This and other harassment and calculated timing was for maximum psychological effect, attempting to break the victim's spirit. It was later dropped by the Director of Public Prosecution just prior to our indictment, as I presume they realised I would have the jury trial I had sought for so long.

When the Receivers took control of the property, they also seized assets belonging to the Kierindi Trust, involving our children. They totally ignored its existence despite being provided invoices for some of the equipment. The machinery had been moved to the property of a neighbour prior to the case, as we had heard how it is difficult to get equipment back from receivers, and we were to quote on contracts to be done within the month. The receivers, we were told, threatened and harassed neighbours in order to locate the equipment and, we believe from reports, lied, threatened to scour the countryside with choppers and charge people with harbouring stolen goods. They defamed us, we believe to isolate us and create fear to eliminate any local support. (Media reports also carried defamatory and inaccurate statements made by the Receiver or his agents). The Receiver worked on bulldozer and fear tactics, obviously considering "possession is nine tenths of the law". The whole approach has been to strip us of all possibility of any form of income to support court cases, regardless of the legality or otherwise of the process.

VANDALISM BY ANY OTHER NAME

Subsequently, after the attempted secession, the Receiver and his agents proceeded to decimate the assets. Machinery was severely damaged, cut up for transport to Mackay (180 kms away) where it was transported at great and unnecessary expense (instead of being sold in previously very good condition and at its best market value where it was) and sold in an exceptionally badly presented way. (In some incidents pieces of the same machine were sold in separate, well distanced lots). We have evidence suggesting the practices of the receiver were dishonest and extremely destructive of our interests. The so-called management of the assets could not be conceived of in any way other than designed to destroy our remaining equity with the hope of bankrupting us to prevent court challenges at all costs. **The eventual purchaser of the property was a Board member of the company which had approached us shortly before the Bank took over, to purchase the property at a price which would have left us with several millions in pocket. He paid well below the market value because of the way the property had been represented and stripped.** (Key irrigation equipment had been previously sold off, presenting it as a dryland farm without the irrigation works and potential being considered). As an example of the blatant types of activities, a bulldozer worth approximately $60,000 as it was (it had been dismantled to undertake some repairs and was worth around $150,000 in a going state) was sold, prior to auction (though stated as sold in the auction on paperwork sent to us by the receiver) for $5,000, though they had been offered previously and refused, on the basis that it had to go to auction, at least $30,000. I had bidders contact me prepared to go up to $60,000. From other reports we believe these scandalous activities are commonplace in the handling by receivers of assets on many occasions, this being an opportunity to line company or personal "coffers" with the spoils of illegal practices done under the guise of enforcing the law.

In the period since our ordeal, many hundreds of people have contacted me describing similar abusive treatment and dispossession by the banks aided by the Judiciary. Unless the travesty of justice is addressed in a positive manner shortly, I fear that the future looks extremely bleak indeed as people can only take so much before they will turn on their oppressors.

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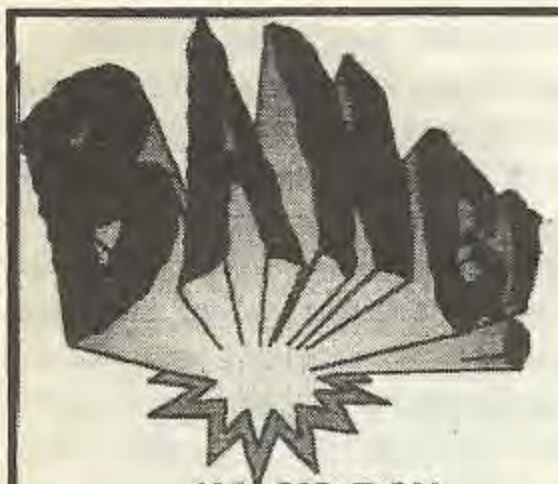

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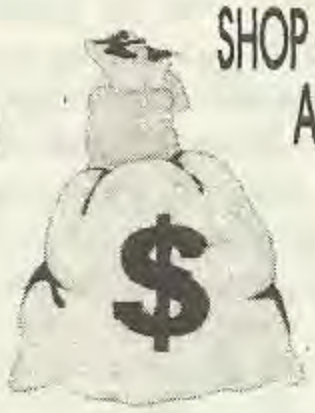

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SNIPER

BY RON OWEN

PART TEN

We return to the huge question of what calibre is the most suitable for long range sniping that was first broached in Part Nine of this series. A simple answer like "whatever you can get at the time" would be appropriate, but to give an educated answer, we have to presume that the person listening appreciates why and what that answer is all about. If they followed blindly without understanding the principles involved, they could possibly make mistakes in using the answers in conjunction with other equipment that would not necessarily give the desired results. For instance a 7mm Weatherby Magnum might give the optimum results regarding long range retained energy but might not be suitable if it wears the barrel out with heat erosion before you have found a suitably accurate load. What is required is a thorough understanding of the subject before it can be discussed. If we do not start at the beginning the terminology at the end will be meaningless.

In the earlier stages of firearm development, the bullet and the powder were carried separately. (In fact naval and artillery guns still keep powder and bullet separate today.) At the start of the 17th century, Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, caused the gunpowder, which had hitherto been carried in flasks or bandoliers, to be made up into cartridges and carried in pouches. The packing together of each bullet and its charge of powder to form a complete cartridge, containing also its own means of ignition, followed shortly after the invention in the early part of the 19th century, of the percussion cap. This form of cartridge was peculiarly suited to the breech-loading system, and was first introduced by Dreyse for the original breech-loading needle-gun of Prussia. The bullet of his cartridge was egg shaped, the base fitting into a shoe or wad ("zundspiegal") of compressed paper, which carried the percussion cap in the opposite side. The wad, being of larger diameter than the bullet, imparted rotation to it, but was weakened so as to fall to pieces on leaving the muzzle. The powder charge, bullet and wad were made up in a case of rolled-up paper closed in rear, and tied up over the point of the bullet. The needle pierced the base of the paper cartridge and, passing through the powder, ignited the cap.

Dreyse needle-fire gun

In the cartridge for the French Chassepot of 1866, there was no cup shaped wad, the cap being secured to a disc of cardboard at the base of the paper cartridge case, another disc carrying a grease wad was placed behind the bullet. The bullet itself was surrounded by greased paper, which did not cover the point, but extended about half way down on the exterior of the paper case, and was tied to it. The cartridges for the Italian rifle, Pattern 1868, were of similar construction.

You might think this is all tedious, but trust me, if you want to make decisions the historic developments are important!

Paper cartridges however were found not to be self-consuming as was expected. Neither did they stand satisfactorily the rough usage of service nor, which was of more importance still, did they effect the obturation of the breech, the escape of gas to the rear being provided against in the rifles in which they were used, by the special construction of the breech mechanism.

The desirability of sealing the breech by means of the cartridge case itself had long been recognised and it was in the U.K. that this principle received the first practical application to military small arms by the invention of Colonel Boxer in 1865, for the Enfield muzzle-loading rifle that was converted to a breech-loader on the Snider principle. This was the coiled metal, built-up, central-fire cartridge which originally bore his name.

The Boxer cartridge, or the "rolled case", was approved for use with the Martini-Henry rifle, when that arm was definitely adopted in 1871.

Now are you getting all this a bit dry I know, but now you know words in their initial application that are relevant today. Cartridge, bullet, powder, percussion, rotation, obturation, Boxer.....

Boxer's example was quickly copied and the general introduction of breech-loading arms was accompanied by that of the metallic cartridges. The cases, however, instead of being built up ones of coiled brass with iron base disc and separate cap chamber, were generally made of copper or brass drawn out solid from a round disc, the cap chamber being raised out of the solid metal of the base disc itself.

Solid drawn cartridge cases, which are stronger and which keep their shape better when subjected to the rough usage of active service, were not introduced by the War Department except for machine guns for which they were a necessity, until after the Egyptian Campaign of 1885 when, owing to the complaints which were made that the rolled case cartridge would not extract readily after firing, a supply of solid drawn cartridges for the Martini-Henry arms was made for foreign and active service. The rolled case cartridges were still manufactured for range practice as they

The battle of Abu Klea where the British Army had the technological advantage of a once firing stick with a bayonet on the end.

Lieutenants Melville and Coghill at Isandlhwana borrowing some ammunition from the enemy.

were cheaper.

The idea to note is, the material the cartridge is made from is a factor. Today we have paper, plated, washed, steel, laminated, brass, copper, plastic, and getting back to the Dryse, we have caseless cartridges.

The cartridge case material is important, as if it is not correct, your military career could be short. The British Army found this in 1885 during the Relief of Khartoum. General Gordon had barricaded himself in and the Mardi with fifty million religious followers wanted to kill anyone who was not a believer. At the Battle of Abu Klea as the British Expeditionary Force was being attacked by hordes of coloured gentlemen with spears (their football team was playing away and had lost 4 - 1), the Brits had a problem because the weather was very hot - the temperature of the rifle and the powder was increased and this significantly raised the pressure inside the chamber, practically welding the brass foil to the walls of the chamber. They found that if too great a pressure was put on the extractor, or if attempts were made to knock out the empty case from the muzzle-end with a cleaning rod, it was possible to tear away the base of the cartridge, leaving the foil in position which stopped other cartridges from being placed in the chamber. So our trusty soldiers were in a pickle - instead of having superior firepower, they did not even have a single shot - they had a once-fire and it was a good stick to hold the bayonet with. Mind you the British Army gets more bayonet practice than shooting practice, so they still killed thousands of them at close quarters! Like most armies it takes a big mistake to get some intelligent changes in ideas, and when the Twenty Fourth Foot Regiment was wiped out by the Zulus at Isandhlwana they did redesign the ammunition boxes so they could be opened without a special tool. The ammunition could then be distributed via a rifle quicker to the 'chocolate drops with the big assegais' who wanted white meat for dinner.

The military cartridge is expected to make accurate shooting and to impart a high muzzle velocity to the bullet so as to obtain a flat trajectory, and have sufficient wounding power.

The bullet should retain as much of its velocity and accuracy at long ranges, the maximum pressure should be well within the amount the rifle can withstand, and the cartridge should be durable and not rust and be crush proof.

The Right Stuff

In selecting a material to manufacture bullets from, there are several conditions to be observed that in some ways might seem contradict one another:-

1. The metal should be as non-elastic as possible.

2. It should be sufficiently malleable so that perfect expansion may be obtained by the action of the explosion.

3. It should be of sufficient hardness so that its form should not be destroyed by the action of the explosion, and that it may destroy as much tissue and bone as possible.

4. The metal should be of the greatest density possible.

5. It should not be too expensive.

Lead, which is a very common metal and easily obtained, is one of the least elastic substances, it requires the least force of all the metals to perfect its expansion, and it takes but little effort to resume its shape after it has been altered by any force impressed upon it. The mixture of any other metal with lead will affect its property of non-elasticity.

In using a hardening material in combination with lead, care should be taken to use no more of it then necessary to attain the required object, in order to retain as much density and expanding power as possible. By hardening lead, its penetrating power in one sense is increased, but its density and power of expansion are diminished.

With the Snider and the old muzzle-loading rifles, pure lead was used to ensure the bullet or ball, which was smaller than the bore, would obturate into the rifling.

The Martini-Henry bullet was composed of one part of tin to twelve of lead, for the great expansion required by the Snider bullet was not needed as there was a higher maximum pressure and a greater length of bullet to effect the "setting up" or expansion of the bullet in the rifling. On account of this higher pressure it was necessary to give the bullet a greater resistance to deformation.

The old lead bullet was no longer suitable for the high velocity, and rapid rotation, which it is necessary to impart to the long, light bullet of modern weapons - the length approaching closely to one inch to ensure the stability in its passage through the air. Such a bullet if made of lead would "strip" or be driven out of the barrel across the lands without following the grooves, and it would also be partially fused by the heat developed partly by the smokeless powders now in use and partly by the friction due to the high velocity. Therefore the bullet employed in the small calibre magazine rifle of our present day is a composite one, consisting of a core, either of soft lead or more generally of lead hardened with antimony, and a casing or envelope of some harder metal, soft steel or iron, or an alloy of copper and nickel being usually

Scottish Mounted Infantryman with Lee Metford circa 1896.

employed. The core is inserted from the rear end of the envelope, which is afterwards turned in over the base of the core: the envelope itself is solid drawn and consequently has a solid point somewhat thicker then the sides.

The bullets are as a rule made with a diameter equal to that of the rifling across the lands (that is to say the nominal calibre of the rifle) plus about the depth of one groove; in some instances, even, this is exceeded. The diameter of the bullet to suit the Lee-Enfield for example is the diameter of the bore across the lands plus the depth of 1/2 grooves. The result of this therefore, is that the lands cut into the bullet, besides its own expanding on the

shock of discharge into the grooves. This squeezing of the bullet into the rifling is called "engraving" - it is carried out gradually by the "lead" or conical funnel which leads from the end of the chamber of the rifle into the bore. If the bore were to end abruptly at the commencement of the chamber the sharp ends of the lands would cut strips out of the envelope of the bullet, and the latter would fly to pieces as it left the muzzle. This might fall into place to some degree for those who have had difficulty understanding why a bullet that is fired in a .303 has a diameter of .311.

The Acid Test

To give an example of the potential of the .303 cartridge - at the Battle of Omdurman in the Sudan in 1898 the British Army was equipped with the Lee-Metford .303 and their allies, the Egyptian Army, were equipped with the Martini-Henry. On the morning of September the 2nd the Khalifa deployed his Dervish army on the glaring reddish amphitheatre which encircled the two armies. He had 50,000 men of whom more than half had rifles while the remainder had relied on spears and swords. They advanced in well ordered masses which earned them respect from Kitchener's army.

It was a suicidal move though and the British opened up with 12 pounder field artillery using shrapnel. As soon as they came over the crests at a range of 2800 yards, Kitchener ordered the Grenadier Guards to start firing volley's with the sights of their Lee-Metfords set at 2700 yards. A war correspondent remarked: "Occasionally they caught and slew a group but at that period it was difficult to make out, even through field glasses how effective it was".

The Dervish attack was not checked despite the combined fire of the artillery, the gunboats and the Grenadier Guards. It was noticed that the rifle fire became really effective at 900 yards but still the enemy came on with quite extraordinary courage, many of them reaching a dip in the ground about 400 yards from the defenders. Beyond this point all attempts to advance were shot down. An officer noted that "within three hundred yards of the British and within two hundred yards of the Egyptians, scarcely a Dervish could live", a revealing comment on the relative effectiveness of the magazine Lee-Metfords of the British and the single-loading Martini-Henry's of the Egyptians.

The material of envelopes or jackets used in bullet manufacture has several pros and cons, bullets with cupro-nickel either as a layer on top of steel or as the envelope itself set up metallic fouling; this consists of a minute deposit of metal in the form of fine streaks on the lands and in the grooves of the rifle. Bullets with greased steel envelopes do not appear to possess this problem to any noticeable degree but they wear the bore away more rapidly than cupro-nickel envelopes. The disadvantage of metal fouling is that it impairs the velocity and accuracy of the bullet. When it occurs it is usually to be found near the muzzle, and is more pronounced as the charge is increased in order to increase the velocity. It is more likely to occur when a large number of rounds are fired from the barrel without cleaning. When the bore has small corrosion pits or rough machine marks it is more liable to collect more fouling. The only way to remove it is to use solvent (Whitworth or Sweets) and agitate it with a bronze brush.

We will continue with the discussion on cartridges and calibres in Edition 20. We have now covered the case and the bullet, we will continue with the development of the powder charge.

letter to the editor

Dear Jimi

Recently our local paper featured a segment on the discovery of an ancient tribal sit at Hay. It was conceded the skeletal remains were obviously not of Aboriginal origin, but were of two other races, one small boned of Oriental appearance, the other much larger boned. It presumed the larger species had overridden the other smaller people in battle, but I believe they could have been the beginning of the Maori people - a combination of Asian and either Negroid or Polynesian. However instead of this site being investigated to learn more of the, as yet, totally ignored history of Australia, it is being swept back under the carpet (ground) and is to be replanted with salt bush and anything else that will hide the evidence and forgotten.

I cannot understand how anyone with any brains can swallow the garbage about Aboriginal long-term occupancy of this country i.e. 40,000 years - when it was never claimed by Aboriginals and only 30 or so years ago a bunch of white leftist academics decided to proclaim this as Gospel. It started out as 12,000 years, climbing on to 22,000 - 30,000 and on up to 80,000 - but settled back to 40,000 years and is now being stated as fact. It is not fact! There is no proof whatever to support these ridiculous claims. Now it appears anyone who dares question the declaration from our Academia stand accused of being a racist, much in the same vein as anyone who dares question the "Holocaust".

Why is it this matter has been made 'off limits' for discussion and now even the Aboriginals are chanting the same tune - "Mabo money" and the power they think it will bring could have a lot to do with it.

Following the discovery at Hay, another even bigger settlement was found at Lake Victoria on the state border, but further down river. This got practically no mention in the papers - local or otherwise, and only a quick mention in the 6.00am TV news. Both sites are claimed by Aboriginals as sacred burial sites and no-one is allowed access - even though they are not on Aboriginal land.

I read recently both the concept of long term occupancy and sacred sites are the inspiration of white men, not Aboriginal. 7th July edition of Readers Digest should be read by everyone concerned for the future of our country (page 17).

Yours sincerely,

S.J. Campesi

GENERAL APATHY

BY GREGORY COOK

THE MILITARY LEADER TO BE AFRAID OF!

The latest news on defence this week, is that it is cancelled due to lack of interest and everyone in the world is welcome to come and do what they want with us. Maybe that might not be too bad, as our government seems to treat us pretty rough. I would like to get a job in one of our new submarines, then they may not be able to find me at the bottom of the ocean. Things are a bit topsy-turvy in the international buildup.

If you study the diagrams you might get more than a little concerned. The most upsetting figure which, for comparison sake, are all converted into US dollars, and without getting too enthusiastic or alarmed, is that we spend $6.96 billion per year. About the same as what China did last year, this year they have spent $7.31 billion. That's fair enough, many will say, but our defence forces are non-existent; they couldn't even handle a rowdy football crowd. Whereas China has 4,230,000 personnel under arms not including reserves, it has 14,500 main battle tanks, 973 naval vessels and 4,970 combat aircraft. Do we get value for money? The Asians seem to get more for their money than we do, but they don't import everything like we do. They probably feel that it's difficult to get resupply and so make their own!

	Defence Budget $US	Combat Aircraft	Total Armed Forces	Battle Tanks	Naval Craft
1) Australia	6.96	70	63200	103	29
2) China	7.31	4970	4230000	14500	973
3) India	6.33	685	2232800	6000	79
4) Indonesia	1.95	42	493900	125	62
5) Japan	39.71	324	249000	1200	87
6) North Korea	2.19	694	1782000	3700	390
7) South Korea	12.06	334	520000	1800	162
8) Malaysia	1.96	46	195200	26	41
9) Pakistan	3.45	336	850000	2590	38
10) Phillipines	1.17	30	402000	0	34
11) Singapore	2.13	117	317100	350	30
12) Taiwan	10.45	466	467800	740	201
13) Thailand	3.16	136	436700	203	124
14) Vietnam	1.75	237	857000	1300	62
Total other than Australia		8417	12596800	32534	2283

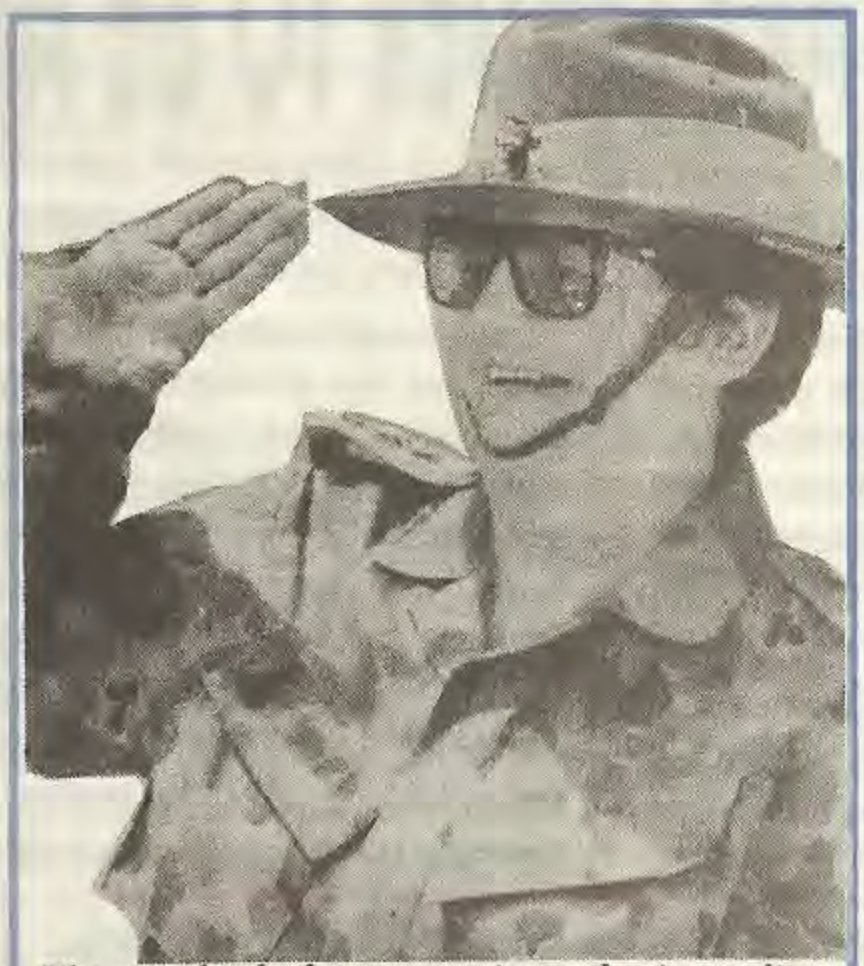
The Japanese are supposed to be very peaceful but they are spending $39.71 billion and yes, they will get better value for their dollar too, they won't be importing anything either. Indonesia is doing very well too, with its latest increases of regular soldiers to 493,900. That's a good effort, as three years ago they had only 215,000 men. They must be busy. Friends of mine in China say that Indonesia is its best customer as they have been replacing their twenty year old M16s with AK56's (the Chinese version of the AK47).

They bought over a million rifles in August this year. They have also had deliveries of 7.62x39mm ammunition in large quantities - twenty million rounds last month, ten million rounds the month before, ten million the month before that and five million the month before that. In the meantime, North Korea must be worried; they have the Americans on their doorstep, and have ordered and received ten million rounds in October. Wow, they must be worried, but something must be worrying the Indonesians a lot more! Maybe they are concerned about looking after the twelve nuclear power stations that Australia is helping them to build, with our aid and technology from Lucas Heights, NSW; the first one will be completed in 2001. Or maybe it's because they want to protect all of their oil and gas reserves. Indonesia's principal mineral resource is petroleum and it is the world's leading exporter of liquefied natural gas. With all that gas we might wonder what they need twelve nuclear power stations for.

A few weeks ago there was one solitary press release on the early morning radio station, that Operation Tropic Punch was under way. Tropic Punch was a security exercise run by the Canberra's Protective Security Co-ordination Centre, in Queensland with the co-operation of the Queensland and Federal police and the Army. The aim of the exercise was to combat right wing terrorists who were opposing foreign ownership of Australia. I phoned up Mr. John Simons and my first question was, "What would you be doing opposing people who were opposing foreign ownership?" He gave me an "ours is not to reason why" sort of answer and we moved on to the object of the exercise. Terrorism and the protection of foreign visitors seemed to be very big in his mind. We then discussed that it might be comforting to the overseas VIP's to know they

were being looked after, but is it not the first duty of the Australian Government to defend its own citizens?

He thought they were doing a really good thing protecting citizens against terrorists. I mentioned that anti-terrorist training seemed to be a big event in the Army as they had opened two new urban warfare centres in the last few months, one in Adelaide and one in Townsville. Also, the reports that I had from regular soldiers, was that was the only type of training they had been doing lately. We talked about the expense of protecting dignitaries with armed guards, yet who was going to protect little old ladies in their homes as they were not allowed to protect themselves? He told me he was a lifetime member of the SSAA but did not think that everyone should have a firearm.



The standard of new recruits to the Australian Army seems to have hit an all-time low. I can see the Indonesians quaking in their boots.

The discussion then went on to another stage; if the government cannot protect you, we can legally protect ourselves... or can't we? The conversation died about this time and he said he would send me some information in the mail. I was hoping for photographs but a typed ten page *Backgrounder* was what we received in the mail. The first line was the definition of terrorism, from Sun-Tzu, Chinese philosopher, "Kill one, frighten a thousand".

It all seems pretty harmless stuff. The council or Protective Security Co-ordination Centre (SAC-PAV) co-ordinates the:-

National Counter-Terrorism Exercise Program

The National Counter-Terrorism Training Program

National Crisis Management response arrangements under the National Anti-terrorist Plan

Specialist equipment purchases for State and Territory police.

The member groups who are co-ordinated by the centre are:-

Attorney-General's Department

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department of Defence

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Australian Federal Police

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

Department of Ethnic Affairs

Australian Protective Service

Department of Transport

Australian Customs Service

Department of Finance.

Should an incident occur, the appropriate members of the SIDC- PAV would constitute the special incidents task force. This task force forms the core of the crisis co-ordination centre, which advises the government and gives guidance and direction to operational elements responsible for the resolution of the incident.

This was all the usual bull that the public servants give out to impress the media. The next thing that just happened to cross my path in the mail, anonymously of course, is shown on the opposing page.

You will understand that the National Defence Council are the boys playing around with "Tropic Punch" and that they have the power to remove every human right that you or your children have, which includes the biggie, the right to breathe the air. They tried to deny the firing order cards, but this is in their own Manual of Land Warfare, with us, the Australian public, in mind. They are even practising house searches and road blocks. These are our own people being used against us, while our fifth column quisling government gives aid, cash and credits to our neighbouring countries to help them support large armies that dwarf our own. The Indonesians would have more men off sick with ingrown toenails in one day than we could find to point a rifle at them on the next! When our soldiers are trained for urban warfare, who do they have in mind? When they are training and have exercises, is it communists? or the Indonesians? ... no, it's me and you, the Australian public, that they have in mind!

Yes, and the fashion-conscious South East Asian soldier is wearing camo again this year, with his new black plastic accessories by Ultimax, he wouldn't be seen dead with a Steyr!

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COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS
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CHAPTER 4
CONTROL OPERATIONS
SECTION 15 - CONTROL MEASURES

General

401 During counter-insurgency operations, control of the civilian population and resources is a major concern. As far as possible, this task should be the responsibility of the civil administration and should be conducted by the police and indigenous military forces, in conjunction with a complementary psychological programme.

402 Control measures adopted for these purposes are often necessarily harsh but must be legally invoked. The one basic principle essential to their successful application is that the government, no matter how tempted to act summarily, must function in accordance with the law (as amended by emergency legislation to provide for the necessary control measures).

403 The control measures must be designed to protect the people, deny the insurgent access to them and re-establish government control, thereby facilitating:

a) the redress of grievances;

b) the improvement of living standards;

c) the protection of the population from insurgent activities, particularly terrorism;

d) the willing provision of information by the people; and

e) the conduct of operations by security forces.

Application of Control Measures

404 Decisions to impose legal control measures are taken by the National Defence Council which must carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages of doing so. Such regulations are, of course, not attractive but depend upon the ruthless application if they are to be an effective hindrance to the insurgents. The reasons for imposing control measures must be frankly and clearly explained to the population and every effort made to bring about popular support for them. If indiscriminately applied they can lead to the alienation of the civil population from the government, and contribute to insurgent 'liberation' propaganda. The population should be assured that the inconvenience and hardship is not being inflicted with punitive intent, but to root out dissident elements and provide the loyal citizens with security and protection.

405 Control measures should not be continued for longer than is necessary. The lifting of control measures in one area may act as an incentive to the population in another area to withhold support for the insurgents and to inform on their sympathisers.

Control Measures

406 Some of the control measures which may be imposed by the government are:

a) compulsory census and an enforceable identity card system;

b) suspension of certain constitutional rights and freedom under the law (but with carefully publicised and rigidly enforced safeguards and appeal procedures) such as;

(1) habeas corpus,

(2) protection from search of private property without the usual legal authorisation, and

(3) assembly for purposes such as political rallies;

c) harsh sentences for those aiding the insurgents or their cause, including capital punishment for certain treasonable offences such as:

(1) possessing unauthorised weapons or munitions,

(2) providing sustenance or shelter for the insurgents, and

(3) providing information of military value to the insurgents;

d) the right to shoot on sight in declared prohibited areas;

e) flexible power of curfew;

f) resettlement of whole communities;

g) control of food distribution, drugs and medical supplies; and

h) censorship and sanction of communications and the media.

It is a consoling thought though, that they have just been ordered to only fire 90 rounds before resting their rifle. That way they could only shoot 90 Australian citizens before they have to test the heat in the barrel with their hand - then they are allowed to fire again. So there's technology for you! I have a Martini Cadet that can fire all day and it doesn't need a rest every 90 rounds. In fact, when you deduct the time to cool the barrel on the Steyr F88, the Martini Cadet might have a higher rate of fire for the day. On full auto fire, if the Steyr fires 600 per minute, the 90 rounds of firing time is just nine seconds. You then wait for half an hour for the barrel to cool down and you could then fire again for another nine seconds. That's progress for you, but I suppose in today's confusing world the other side might not think it's sporting to attack Australian soldiers who can only fire 90 rounds back before resting for thirty minutes, and wait the required time before attacking next. The other alternative is that the Australian government could give every Australian soldier five F88 each, so that they could rotate every 90 rounds. That way, they might be able to shoot all day without their Toltoys gun suffering a meltdown.

The latest news from the Shoalwater Bay area is that the Singaporeans who are training there, will in future be on a permanent basis. Elements will be staying as they rotate their armed forces of 317,100 regular soldiers through training areas in Australia.

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Finally for this month, we have heard a rumour from several people that the Indonesians training at Canungra, Queensland, are still refusing to take their hats off in the sergeants mess. It might be some time before we are in such numbers where we will be brave enough to ask that they remove them.

A LETTER HOME

"We had been told, on leaving our native soil, that we were going to defend the sacred rights conferred on us by so many of our citizens settled overseas, so many years of our presence, so many benefits brought by us to populations in need of our assistance and our civilisation.

We were able to verify all this was true, and, because it was true, we did not hesitate to shed our quota of blood, to sacrifice our youth and our hopes. We regretted nothing, but whereas we over here are inspired by this frame of mind, I am told that in Rome factions and conspiricies are rife, that treachery flourishes, and that many people in their uncertaintity and confusion lend a ready ear to the dire temptations of relinquishment and vilify our action.

I cannot believe that all this is true and yet recent wars have shown how pernicious such a state of mind could be and to where it could lead.

Make hast to reassure me, I beg you, and tell me that our fellow-citizens understand us, support us and protect us as we ourselves are protecting the glory of the Empire.

If it should be otherwise, if we should have to leave our bleached bones on these desert sands in vain, then beware of the anger of the Legion!"

Marcus Flavinius,

Centurion in the 2nd Cohort of the Augusta Legion,

to his cousin Tertullus in Roma.

INVASION OF THE BODYSNATCHER'S

PART TWO BY BOB OSMACK

We conclude Robert Osmack's critique of the workings of the Family Services Department. For more information contact VOCAL (Victims of Child Abuse Laws) on (074) 96 7884.

An Offer Family Cannot Refuse

And when, and if, the children are finally returned to the family unit, usually damaged psychologically and emotionally (often also physically) the family's woes are not over. As usual no real evidence has been uncovered to demonstrate abuse, the Family Services Department will make an offer to settle "out of court". This offer (or "deal", if you like) is basically this: "You admit guilt by signing this document and we will return your children and reduce our harassment considerably."

The FSD make the family "an offer they can't refuse". Refuse the offer, and the children will not be returned; may never be returned. Refuse the offer, and the case will go the Children's Court and probably the magistrate will impose a harsher order upon the family.

The Deal: Admit Guilt

The deal or offer goes under the name of Care and Protection Order. From the family's point of view after months of harassment and threats from social workers and after months of separation from their children, it is a good deal; they've got their children back.

Yet another victim of the Family Services Dept?

However, the deal has its costs too. From henceforth, the social workers can march into the family home at any time to check up on the family's "lifestyle". If the family's lifestyle (never defined) does not suit the whim of a particular social worker, the children can be taken again. The Care and Protection Order is in force until the children turn 18 years of age. The family has lost its precious privacy for years and years. The family is also forced to attend various "parenting skills courses", see a psychiatrist, etc. These have been described to me by families involved as "totally useless". What is certain is that they constitute yet another humiliation for the family.

Frequent medical check-ups are prescribed for the children. In a case familiar to me, the father objected by saying that no medical proof existed for sex abuse. The visiting social worker responded: "But you signed."

Humiliation of the Family

And so they had. The parents had nade a deal with the Department: "We let you humiliate us, belittle us, invade our family privacy and we admit guilt; in exchange for a conditional release of the children back to our family".

Of course, this offer is made to families that the Department has not managed to crack, to break up. A cruel dilemma is often forced upon the wife by the Department. Accuse the husband (she believes is innocent) and the Department will return the children. Maintain that the husband is innocent and you will never get the children back. Another "option" is divorce the husband and you will get the children back. Even such "co-operation" with the Family Services usually proves to be a cruel hoax. The family's humiliation and destruction is then complete.

To Break the Family

Often the family just "breaks" under the pressure of the Department, which then to the Department is "proof" that the family was not fit to raise its children. One of the favourite taunts of the Department's social workers is "you'll never get the kids back; you're not fit to raise kids". The husband and wife under constant barrage of threats and accusations separate. Again, the Department has been proved "right".

One of the other favourite tactics employed to break the family is to prod it into intemperate rash action. In cases where children have been taken, usually weekly visits will be allowed. Then suddenly they are cut off on some obviously extremely flimsy pretext.

In one instance, the parents were suddenly denied further visits on the allegation that one of the children had injured himself during a parental visit. They were informed of it days later. During the visit itself neither the parents nor the supervising couple noticed the child injuring himself, nor did the child cry or show pain in any way.

The parents were called in about a week later only to be shown a letter which informed them that they were not allowed to see their children any more at all. It was a very obvious provocation during a very trying time for the family. The husband showed his annoyance by slamming the door when leaving. Two plain-clothes policemen that waited nearby roughed him up by grabbing his arms. Fortunately, he did not react violently. The wife broke down and began to cry. Further "proof" was added to their files as unfit parents; the father was described as "violent" and the mother as "too emotional" to be a mother. According to the FDS, "violent" fathers are very prone to sexually abusing their own children as well.

Public Hospitals; New Danger Zones

Public hospitals have now become danger zones for families with children. Hospitals' doctors have been co-opted into the Department's service of diagnosing child abuse. Ordinary people,

and the State's Children's Court magistrates apparently no less, hold doctors' opinions in awe. Men get convicted and sent to jail on such an opinion. Families are split up. Children are removed from their homes.

One particular public hospital doctor's professional opinion has been instrumental in breaking up several families known to this writer, and certainly many, many more not known to me. Yet this doctor's opinion has been challenged by other doctors. But, alas, to no avail. And, as far as I know, the particular hospital doctor is still about his business of "stamping out child abuse" by ripping children off their families. Public servants are notoriously difficult to discipline; to sack them is almost impossible.

No Independent Examination Allowed

Obvious inconsistencies and false diagnosis have been noted in his reports. In fact, in one case known to this writer, another doctor in the same hospital found no evidence of abuse yet the children were still removed from the family. The parents were refused another independent medical examination of the children. The allegation of sex abuse was maintained and the children were put into a foster home. The father was indicated as the perpetrator. Only adverse publicity from the media caused the children to be returned to the family after months of separation.

It is significant to add that it must be well known to the hospital authorities, the SCAN team and the Family Services Department that the particular doctor's diagnoses have been hotly challenged by the accused families and at variance with the other doctor's opinions. Yet his opinion was accepted and children have been removed from families. It seems some doctors are omniscient, while others are not.

Doctor Criticises A Hospital Doctor

Second and differing medical opinion was ignored. Caution is such cases should be the rule. Certainly, common justice would demand that the parents be allowed an independent medical opinion. Family's own doctor and other doctors who had previously examined the children over the years had never found any suspicions of abuse of the children.

I have a detailed criticism of the particular hospital doctor's report. The criticism is by another doctor. Firstly, he points to certain errors in his diagnosis. Secondly, he exposes inconsistencies between his reports. He asserts that repeated examinations of the vaginal area may have produced the very condition that led to accusations of child abuse. He is criticised for refusing an independent examination of the children. He is also accused of mis-diagnosing another family's children who, also, were removed from the parental home.

And I quote:

"For a child to be so examined in a strange environment by a perfect stranger (with or without a medical degree), without the presence (or even knowledge) of the mother, must be a very frightening experience for a child; nearly as bad as the evil which SCAN is attempting to prevent.

"It does concern me greatly to see cases handled in this way. Very soon, we will find that parents are too frightened to bring their children to the doctor for any condition... for fear of having their children snatched off them and subjected to all sorts of stresses and embarrassments."

As parents begin to tell me over the phone, or as I read their statements, of the trials they have suffered at the hands of the social workers, I can almost fill in the details of the social workers' lies, deceit, intimidation, threats and assault against the family unit. I am in contact with families in similar situations in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The pattern in those states is the same. It seems, regardless of the political party in government, the powers of the family services departments remain beyond the reach of politicians.

More than one Family Services Shadow Minister when supplied with details of the abuse of powers by social workers make promises of "cleaning up" the Department upon assumption of power. To date, almost nothing has been done in any of the states. The Ministers seem powerless to intervene even in most blatant cases of victimization of a family.

Government Bureaucrats Abuse Power

What must be clear and obvious to any unbiased person is that the Family Services Department is beyond redemption. It is always a mistake to give government bureaucrats great powers over people and then expect them to help those same people. Inevitably and invariably, as history and recent experience show, they consistently abuse that power. The Western World's infatuation with the idea that governments and governmental agenices can improve the society has been a tragic and catastrophic mistake.

Monsters Must Be Killed

The Family Services Department and other like governmental and semi-governmental agencies are not so much in need of reform as abolition. We have created a monster in our midst that will seek to devour all that challenge its actions and existence. Monsters cannot be reformed - they must be killed. Our politicians must find courage that they have not hitherto shown. We, the people, must rise up against this modern-day evil, so much like the ancient hunts.

Qld Government To Blame

We must not forget that it is the Queensland Government who pays (with our taxpayers' money) the salaries of the social workers, our tormentors. It is also the Queensland Government who frames the laws which give the social workers Hitler-like powers over families. Therefore it is the

Close to tears, Vernon tried to ignore their cruel taunts of "Black gun, black gun, you've got a black bum". Three against one; yet another case in the growing instances of child abuse...

Queensland Government who is responsible for the victimization of Queensland families and the kidnapping of their children.

Most people, including the politicians, fail to appreciate the single most important factor in the operation of the Family Services Department; and it is this: the Department has been captured by radical feminists. Just as many of our unions have been captured by an unrepresentative minority of radical left-wingers, communists and other extremists, so the Family Services Department has been captured by radical feminists.

It is important to understand how the Family Services Department interprets its statistics. Of 6705 child abuse notifications involving 11,281 children in 1986-1987, the Department claims 3,031 were 'substantiated' cases of abuse. It is important to understand that substantiated does nót mean 'proved'; nor does it mean that someone was convicted in a court of law of abusing children. It simply means that the Department (a particular social worker) believes or suspects that there is abuse in a particular case. That case then becomes part of the 'substantiated' statistics and an additional claim for public funds.

Substantiated

I am familiar with scores of cases where the Department claims "substantiated" child abuse has occurred yet there is no medical evidence of abuse, no one has been charged with abuse, and the family and all concerned hotly deny that abuse has occurred. Furthermore, the children have now been returned to its family (alas, now psychologically scarred by the experience). The term "substantiated" has no legal or authoritative status. It is a term that has been invented by the "child abuse industry".

Is there child abuse in our society? What can be done about it? Undoubtedly, there is child abuse in our society and it must be dealt with. Medically proven cases of child abuse must be dealt with expeditiously. Those guilty of it must be punished. The abuser ought to be removed from the home, not the abused.

Families Penalised

The causes of child abuse are many, varied, and deep. There is a pervasive bias against the family unit in our society. We need only mention two, taxation and education, to demonstrate the existence of anti-family laws and attitudes in our society. Single income families, father working and mother at home caring for the children, are severely punished by our tax laws. Therefore, mothers are virtually forced by economic circumstances to enter the workforce; the children suffer as a result. Child care centres cannot replace the care of a mother.

In our schools, anti-family attitudes are taught almost as a matter of course. For example, homosexual "families" are held up as an alternative valid family unit. Anti-family feminism is rampant. Is it any wonder that our young people are confused?

Back To Tradition

Traditionally, the local churches and other community groups have helped families with problems. The local church or other self-help groups have a natural care and concern for the local family with whose problems they can be expected to be familiar. It is to that tradition we must return. We must realize that the family is the basic unit of our society and children our most precious resource.

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Letter to the Editor

THE GEORGE TURNER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

George Turner was a remarkable man whose working life as a Barrister was cut short through ill health and heart problems that dogged him subsequent to a bashing that took place in Sydney (some 12-13 years ago).

Although never proven, there has been much speculation as to the cause of the bashing. It seemed that it took place after some considerable work done by George in exposing the falsity of the Parliament sitting illegally, under section 44(i). George proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Parliament was in fact sitting illegally and the subject, when raised in Parliament, reported in Hansard, verified his claims with the then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam having it 'covered up' and 'shoved under the carpet'. The situation has not changed for the better and remains much the same today.

George was never backward in helping anyone and everyone who called for his help in fighting the corruption inherent within the system and as a result of this, the fact he never asked for payment and not being gainfully employed, his wife and family of seven children are now in torrid straits. They are living on a property some 50kms north of Inverell in a small rented two bed-roomed corrugated-iron house with the older children 'bunking' out in some adjacent old shearers quarters which requires them to bed down in the house when the weather turns cold. The children have to travel approximately six or eight kilometres to Graman where the bus terminates in order to attend school. Currently June does not have a licence and so cannot drive their old vehicle to either Graman or Inverell for any purpose, eg shopping, doctors, school, etc.

To alleviate this torrid situation it has been suggested that it might be possible to get a house in Inverell for the family, this being the best obvious solution all round.

There has been a lot of appreciation by many people all over the eastern states and beyond, by both city and country folk, of what George has done for them. Hopefully these people will be able to see their way clear to support this Trust Fund for George Turner's family.

The establishment of a Trust Fund for George Turner's family has been opened and contributions to the Trust can be made through the Commonwealth Bank. The account is held at the Commonwealth Bank in Canberra and the account number is 2900 - 1007 - 2030

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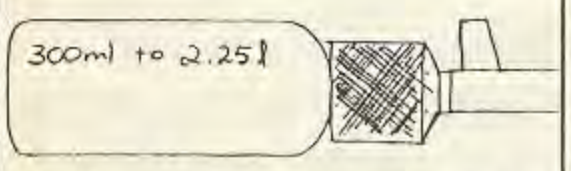

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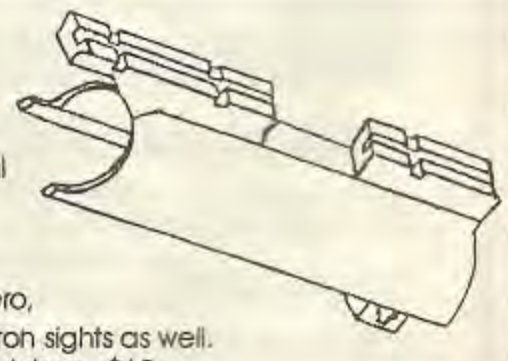

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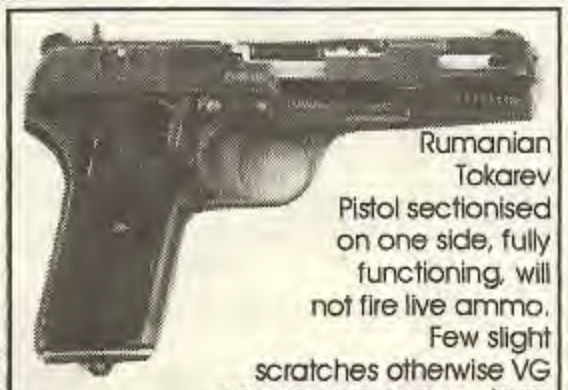

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VIDEO REVIEW - *Heirs of the Promise*

This video is produced by America's Promise Ministries and distributed in Australia by Christian Identity Ministries. You need to really concentrate to follow the presentation fully as the quality of the video is rather poor and the presenter is not easy to listen to. However I found the content interesting, controversial and best of all, a challenge.

The presenter, the late Pastor Sheldon Emery, sets out to prove that the "Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Scandinavian, Germanic and Kindred peoples of European ancestry are descended from the tribes of Israel who were dispersed into Europe from the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities". On the evidence presented, the producers claim that anyone who belongs to this race of people (ie the white people of the world) are the "seed of Abraham" and therefore the only "Heirs of the Promise". The producers then go on to claim that the reason the "white" nations have become so advanced and prosperous is because these people are actually Israelites and God is fulfilling His promises to His people. They believe that it is for them only that Christ came and died to redeem and that one day he will return and they will rule the world with Him. The historic and archeological evidence presented, although a bit weak and unconvincing, is interesting, and makes for a reasonable introduction to the topic if one is interested in tracing the origins of the white people of the world. It may well be that they do descend from the twelve tribes of Israel but that does not make them the Biblical "heirs to the promise". Nor does it give them the right to rule the world.

The interpretation of the Bible presented in this video is not consistent with scripture. As IS presented in this video, the covenant God made with His people was conditional on the fact that they were to obey Him and keep His covenant. This is pointed out in Exodus 19: 5&6. This the people agreed to. It was NOT God who broke the covenant but the people. First the ten northern tribes broke the covenant by being consistently disobedient. They were rejected by God and were taken captive by the Assyrians. Later the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were disobedient and were taken captive by the Babylonians. However, seventy years later a remnant of the tribe of Judah returned to Jerusalem and Christ was born of this line.

When the Jewish leaders, representing the nation or corporate body, rejected Christ and later His followers with the stoning of Stephen, they were no longer the "chosen people of God". So I would agree that the Jews, as a race or nation, or even as a religious group, are not the "chosen" people of God nor the "heirs of the promise". But neither is any other physical seed of Abraham based on genetic inheritance.

Within the pages of the Bible are recorded the many wonderful promises of God made to His people. These promises were made to the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). The heirs of these promises are a group of people called "the children of Israel". The big question is, who is this "seed", the true children of Israel, and therefore the "heirs of the promise"?

This is made clear in Galatians 3:16. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." and verse 19 says "... till the seed should come to whom the promise was made:..." The Old Covenant pointed to and was fulfilled in Christ and in Him is the New Covenant made. Galatians 3:29 says, "And if ye be Christ's, then ye are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." So Christ is the "seed" and anyone who will follow AND obey Christ by faith becomes joint heirs with Christ. It is by faith that one is an heir of the promise. This does not mean that anyone who is a physical descendent is exempt. Romans 11 in the New Testament tells us that they who once belonged to God will find it easier to be grafted back into Christ. So that even though a physical race or nation called Israel is no longer "heirs of the promise", INDIVIDUALLY all of the physical descendants of Israel, like anyone else, can become "the children of Israel" through faith and obedience to Christ.

The reason that it has been "white" nations that have prospered and been so blessed, is not because they are Israelites but because countries like America and Australia have based their laws on God's Law and were prepared to submit as a nation to His sovereignty under Christ.

The nations of the world have turned their backs on Christ and his Law in submitting to the religion of Humanism in the form of the New World Order. The time for their return is passed. Christ will return for His people but being a descendant of the above mentioned peoples is NOT the criteria for salvation. The Bible says in John 3: 16 "For God so loved THE WORLD, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." God's people are no longer a racial or national group of people, nor are they a particular religious organisation /denomination. The "Heirs of the Promise" are those individuals who by faith are "the saints that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus". -Jennifer Wilcox

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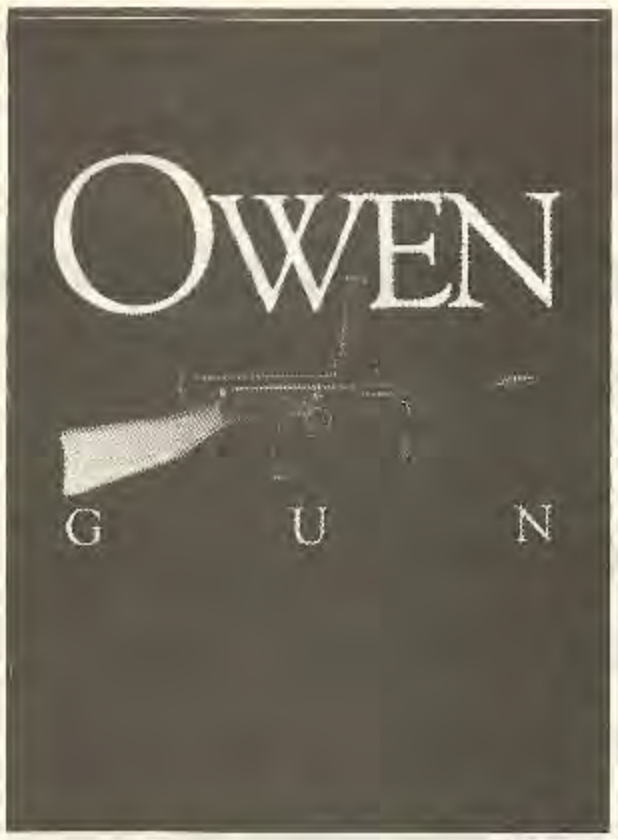
BOOK REVIEW - *THE OWEN GUN* - by Wayne Wardman



Wayne Wardman has written the definitive work on the Owen Gun. It gives the personal, political, and engineering perspective of the story of Evelyn Owen, the Owen Gun itself, the Wardell Brothers and the Army bampots who attempted to stop the firearm from ever being made.

The inventor, a young man who, without ever seeing a submachine gun, developed working prototypes. At the start of WWII, the only known examples of submachine guns in Australia were an original WWI Bergman in the Randwick Small Arms Museum, a MP38 "Schmeisser" which had been seized by customs, and, early in 1940, a Thompson that had been bought from a planter in the Solomon Islands and was used for instructional purposes at the small arms school. Having no workshop, he obtained help with the woodwork from a coal miner who made violins for a hobby, and had the steel parts manufactured to his instructions while he stood and watched at the local machine shop.

'Evo', with his father, had approached the Army in 1939, and was told the Australian Army was not interested. Evelyn Owen joined the army, and was on final leave before embarkation to the Middle East. He had taken the gun to the beach for a final burst of shots out to sea when friends in a passing car suggested a visit to the bar of the Oxford Hotel. So Evelyn concealed the gun in its bag, and left it against the wall in his usual cheerful casual manner. It was found by Mr. Vincent Wardell, who was the manager of Lysaght Works at Port Kembla. He was going to hand it to the police station, but seeing Evo's father, Mr. Owen outside, he asked him in for a drink and showed him the firearm. Mr. Owen, after exploding about his son's carelessness, told Mr. Wardell the story up to date.

That was the start of the involvement of Vincent Wardell who, with his brother Gerald Wardell, took the design, improved it, fought the Army and the bureaucrats, and produced the firearm that had a substantial part to play in saving Australia and the lives of Australian troops.

In the book it describes the design improvement, the struggle to find the calibre that the army wanted (the Owen Gun was made in .22, .32, .38S&W, .45 and then eventually, when ten rounds of ammunition became available, the 9mm). The Owen Gun, as it was produced by a non-military, non-government factory, was subjected to the toughest tests. Tests of such severity have not been repeated up to this day, and on reflection, not one of the military firearms of today could pass them. These test are described in detail in the book, and were partly to do with the desire of Evo Owen and the Wardell Brothers to provide the very best fighting firearm, and the Army's desire to see it fail and 'can' the project for good. The story of the near traitorous behaviour of the Australian Army from General Blamey downwards inasmuch as the Australian Army was in dire straits, under the immediate threat of invasion and the Army was prohibiting supplies of the best sub-machine gun that was produced in World War II, and perhaps ever. This political/Army foul-up was costing lives every minute it went on. The frustration must have been enormous. The book gives a blow by blow account of this sad episode.

Unfortunately, there was a another sad episode in this history. When the war was over, the government did not want to compensate Evelyn Owen for his efforts, and were quite willing to give him some money with one hand and have the tax collector take it with the other, showing a good example of our politicians and bureaucrats at work! The reader will feel that the Colonel Blimps of the world, should be taken out and shot with the Owen Gun as its final test. It's a great book about the most famous firearm in Australia's history and I will treasure my copy, always. - Ron Owen

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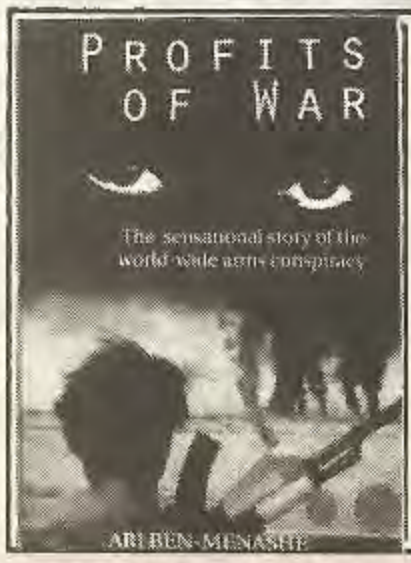

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* If the enemy is in range, so are you.

* Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire.

* If it's stupid and it works, it ain't stupid.

* When in doubt - empty your magazine.

* The easy way is always mined.

* Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.

* Teamwork is essential, it gives them somebody else to shoot at.

Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you.

* Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing.

* Never share a foxhole with anyone braver that you.

* If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.

* No battle plan survives contact with the enemy.

* Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.

* The only thing more accurate than enemy incoming fire is friendly incoming fire.

* When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.

* Make it tough enough for the enemy to get in, and you won't be able to get out.

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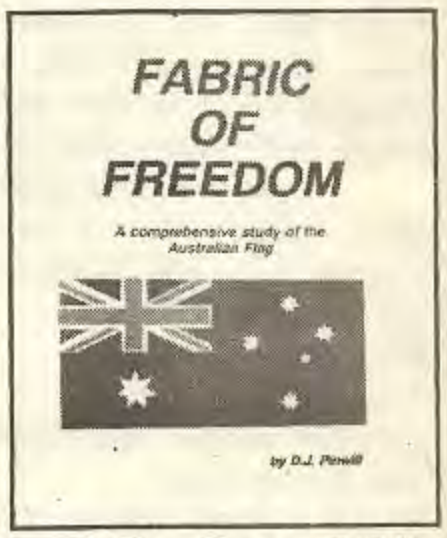

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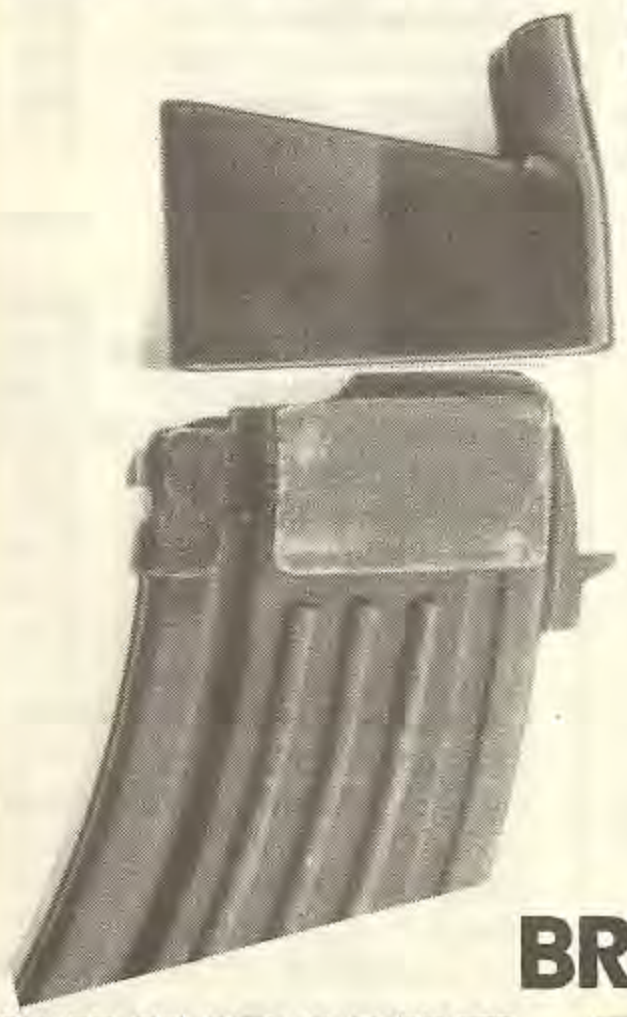

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